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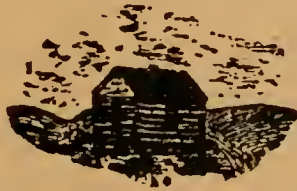
—AND—

GLIMPSES OF OUR WESTERN BORDER.

Containing Portraits and Biographical Sketches, Historical Reminiscences, Views
of Towns, Street Scenes, Public Buildings and Private Residences,
Our Churches and School Houses, Election Returns
and Notes, Newspaper History, G. A.
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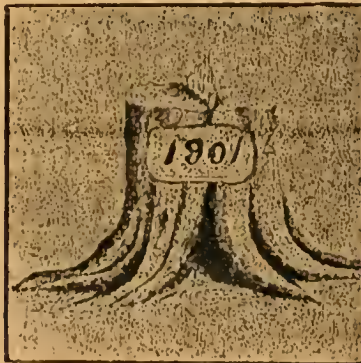
ALMA, KANSAS.

1901.



- A—Sod house where first teacher boarded—Wabaunsee.
 B—First church—Wabaunsee.
 24—Last log school house—replaced by stone building in 1884.

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Preface.

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In an extra edition of the Alma Signal in 1892 we said: "The next enterprise we have in contemplation is an Illustrated History of Wabunsee County. Many of the actors have passed from the scene, but the material of facts that they left behind are still obtainable and if gathered together would form the ground work of many interesting chapters that would be perused with pleasure as well as profit by those to whom many of these facts will prove a revelation. That they should be preserved while there is yet time, but one opinion prevails," Though other duties claimed our attention, we have never yet abandoned the idea of writing the history. Though somewhat deferred, our long cherished plans have assumed tangible form. Possibly some criticism relative to the subject matter or the manner of presentation will be indulged in by those prone to forget the precepts of the golden rule. Let this standard be applied to our work and we will be content.

We have endeavored to acquaint the people of today with the happenings of yesterday; of the events that transpired before the advent of railroads and the era of school houses, together with the march of progress that has caused the wilderness to blossom as the rose. Our mission is to tell of the time when there was much concern for the necessities of life, but little care or thought of the luxuries of the present. We have tried to be fair and just to all. It has been our endeavor to write a book the people will read. We can only hope that our effort may be deemed worthy of a careful perusal and an impartial verdict. This assured, we shall feel that our labor has not been in vain.

ALMA, KANSAS, June 14, 1902.

Historical.

In touching upon the early history of Wabaunsee county, we promise nothing startling. We do not propose to recount the exploits of Coronado and claim Wabaunsee county as the theatre of some of his most daring adventures and hair-breadth escapes while in search of the famed seven cities of Cibola; neither are we so chimerical as to claim Buffalo Mound as the work of prehistoric man, nor will we advance the theory that the original Garden of Eden was located in the Mill creek valley. However willing we may be to concede that were beauty of landscape and fertility of soil matters of paramount consideration in the choice of a site for the abode of our first parents, there might be good and ample reasons why no adverse criticism should be placed on the judgment of those upon whom the responsibility might rest of making a choice of location. Had the site of the garden been defined by metes and bounds, including in their limits that small part of God's footstool Wabaunsee county people delight in calling their own, we could do no less than admire their judgment and applaud their act.

When as a matter of fact geologists claim that the earth—of which Wabaunsee county is a part—has been in existence about six hundred millions of years, it would be an idle waste of words to claim for Coronado, or John Smith, or Captain Pike, the right of discovery. Suffice it to say that less than half a hundred years ago all this western country, of which our county is but a fractional part, was known—on the map—as the “Great American Desert.” It is well that we say “It was known on the map”—it assuredly was not known elsewhere, at least by civilized man.

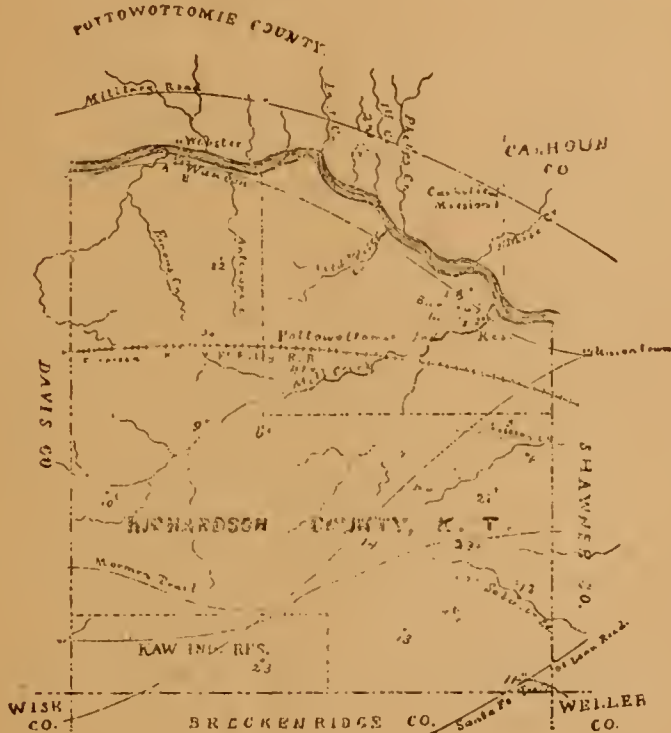
Years ago, with characteristic generosity, Uncle Sam had set apart for the Pottawatomie and Kaw tribes of Indians certain tracts of lands known as Indian Reservations, hoping that the noble red man would prosper and grow rich in a country thought to be unfit for the abode of his white brother.

Here the dusky warrior wooed and won the maiden of his choice. Here the deer, the antelope, and the buffalo paid tribute to the Indian

hunter's arrow and these valleys and slopes and woodlands but a few years ago were made the more picturesque by the herds of Indian ponies, and the scores of Indian villages, where the prattle of the papoose, the coy maiden's song, and the sound of the tom-tom, gave evidence of aboriginal life and happiness and contentment.

But the day dreams were but of short duration being rudely disturbed by the inroads of the pioneer who had discovered the fact that the Great American Desert had an existence only on the maps.

But the reservation laws must be respected. The Kaws on the south and the Pottawatomie tribe in the North part of the county left the least desirable lands open for settlement. But the most valuable of these lands were soon taken.



MAP OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, KAS. (NOW WABAUNSEE)
PUBLISHED IN 1855, BEFORE THE SURVEY.

A cursory examination of the above map will reveal the comparatively small amount of desirable lands situated in Richardson (now Wabaunsee) county suitable for farming purposes in 1854. In 1861 the Kaws were allotted lands on the diminished reserve, on the Neosho and lower Rock creek, but not until 1870 was that part of the Pottawatomie reservation lying in Wabaunsee county thrown open to settlement. The opening of this reserve marked a new era in the history of our county, the settlement of which had been retarded by reason of the best lands being reserved for the Indians.

Items from the County Records.

At the April (1859), session of the board of County Commissioners, on motion of G. Zwanziger the municipal townships were declared to include territory as follows:

Wabaunsee township to include all that part of Town 10, Range 9, and Town 10, Range 10, lying South of Kansas river, East of Town 11, Range 9 and Town 11, Range 10, and East of the Davis county line.

The Township of Alma to include Town 12, Range 9, and Town 12, Range 10, Town 12, Range 11, Town 13, Range 9, Town 13, Range 10, and Town 13, Range 11, or so much thereof as lies South of the Pottawatomie reservation and East of said County of Davis.

The town of Mission creek to include Town 13, Range 12, and so much of Town 12, Range 12, Town 12, Range 13 and Town 13, Range 13, as lies South of the Pottawatomie reservation, and West of the County of Shawnee. Wilmington township to include Town 14 of Ranges 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. and Town 15 of Ranges 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, or so much thereof as lies North of Breckenridge county West of Shawnee and East of Davis. Motion carried.

S. F. Ross declining to serve as auditor a special meeting of the county board was called for May 10, '59, and Dr. S. E. Beach appointed to the office. The meeting then adjourned to Aug. 15. At this meeting Wm. Mitchell was appointed Chairman of the board but he being absent E. G. Ross was appointed Chairman pro tem and Jehu Hodgson, appointed clerk pro tem. At this (August) meeting the Deputy County Clerk, E. C. D. Lines, was authorized to procure a suitable room and arrange for accommodations for the first session of the District court to be held at Wabaunsee on the Fourth Monday of September, 1859.

At this meeting the first bill for furniture for the county officers was presented and paid to A. C. Cutler. Amount, \$18.50.

On October 18, 1859, a tax of \$965 was levied as follows:

Wabaunsee township,	\$351.53.
Wilmington "	269.50.
Mission Creek "	188.60.
Alma "	156.12.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors (commissioners) on the 10th day of Feb., 1860, Petit Jurors were drawn from the following list of residents:

*Henry Smith, Peter Sharai, John Willig, J. M. Bisbey, Wm. Kennaman, Thos. D. Rose, I. C. Isbell, C. Noyes, J. E. Platt, J. F. Willard, R. W. Griswold, Enoch Platt, A. C. Brown, Robert Hubbard, Anton Schewe, Joseph Schutter, Henry Schmitz, Chas. Pafkowitz, William Lange, John Copp, John Hess, Edmond Hoffman, Charles Hanson, William Krieg, John Bour, Joseph Tren, John Schrouder, Geo. Rich, Franz Schmidt, Wm. H. Curtiss, S. J. Spear, John Sailor, Simon Dow, John W. Ward, James E. Johnson, Samuel B. Harvey, Allen Hodgson, Geo. M. Harvey, Perry Lamphere, Henry Shepard, Nathan Hunt, Wm. Hovenden, N. S. Spear, Daniel Spear, J. Rich, J. W. Mossman, M. Woodford, S. P. Wemple, Wm. H. Hewins, Wm. Ewing, W. A. Wing, G. F. Hartwell, S. Higbee.

Grand Jurors were drawn from the following list:

Michael Fix, Herman Dierker, Andreas Thowe, Christian Wertzberger, John Mahan, Gottlieb Zwanziger, Ernst Hoheneck, Frederick Palenske, John P. Gleich, Christian Hankammer, John Spiecker, Peter Thoes, F. H. Hebrank, Sebastian Nehring, Edward Krapp, F. Doty, Geo. G. Johnson, A. Bliss, Andrew Walters, H. J. Loomis, R. P. Miller, E. M. Guile, A. A. Shephard, J. Schaad, Wm. Curtiss, G. W. Bonny, James McCoy, J. W. Gleasener, E. H. Haskins, Isaiah Harris, Samuel Cripps, O. T. Cook, E. B. Murrell, Jeptlia Beebe, Henry Easter, J. B. Ingersoll, E. P. Ingersoll, Joseph Johnson, E. M. Jillison, Chas. A. Hotchkiss, H. F. Brown, S. R. Whitaker, S. R. Weed, B. C. Benedict, L. A. Parker, C. Sawin, J. H. Gould, C. J. Dutton, J. J. Walter, Josiah Gewn, S. M. Thomas, Austin Kelsey, Robert Banks, Smith W. Kelsey, John Smith.

First petition for "tavern license" presented by Perry Lamphere at the February meeting. Petition rejected.

April, 1860, the county board was composed as follows:

Wm. Mitchell, Isaiah Harris, G. Zwanziger and H. J. Loomis.

First petition for county road presented by E. Hoheneck, May 14, 1860: road from Wabaunsee to Wilmington. I. Harris, J. M. Hubbard and August Brache appointed viewers to locate said road. This road was declared illegally laid and the expenses ordered paid by the county. At this session John Schwanke presented a petition for a road in Alma

*The above lists of 108 names are given in full that the early settlers may be known by the records. As but 145 votes were cast at an election held Dec. 6, 1859, and but 183 votes cast at an election held March 6, 1860, it appears that about three-fifths of the actual resident voters of the county are included in the above lists.

township. E. Hoheneck, F. Hebrank and Herman Dierker were appointed viewers.

In July, 1860, levies (by townships) were made as follows:

Alma:	For Township expenses..	\$100.00
	For schools.....	100.00
Wilmington:	For Township expenses..	125.00
	For schools.....	100.00
Wabaunsee:	For Township expenses..	75.00
	For schools	200.00
	For bridge (first).....	30.00
Mission Cr.:	For Township expenses..	100.00
	For schools.....	50.00
Zeandale:	For Township expenses..	74.00
	For schools.....	100.00

At the July session S. F. Ross, T. D. Rose and John P. Gleich were appointed viewers on a road from Wabaunsee to the west line of the county. G. Zwanziger, surveyor.

In October, 1860, it was considered inexpedient to allow a salary to the Probate Judge, but at the January session, 1861, the matter was reconsidered and the Probate Judge's salary fixed at \$40 per annum.

JUROR LISTS FOR 1864 (APRIL).

Grand Jury list :

Abner Allen, T. S. St. John, E. St. John, O. Meacham, James W. Blain, T. V. Smith, Enoch Platt, John Willig, J. M. Bisbey, Peter Sharai, Joshua Smith, James Enlow, C. Noyes, C. A. Lapham, E. Kirkman, A. L. Norton, August Weber, Herman Meseke, Rudolph Arndt, Peter Daum, Frederick Palenske, Joseph Schutter, Herman Miller, Wm. Drebing, John Hess, C. Pafkowitz, John Copp, Anton Kraus, J. L. Thomson, Samuel Woods, Samuel Cripps, John Garinger, Peter A. Green and J. M. Gilless.

Petit Jury list :

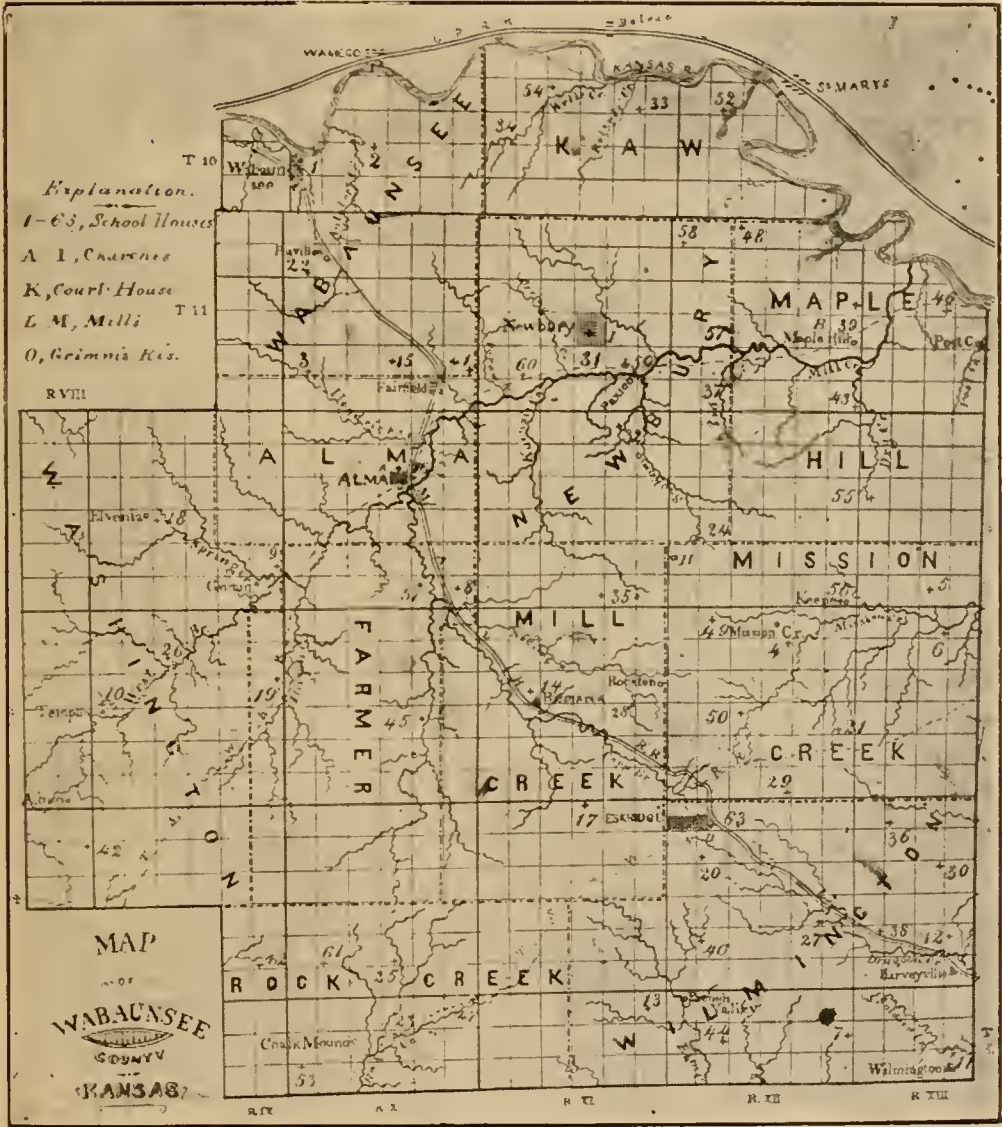
C. P. McDonald, Thomas Keenan, A. J. Vincent, R. Moses, A. J. Pinkerton, Robert Earl, Wm. Marshall, Harry Marshall, E. R. McCurdy, Charles Taylor, Samuel Pratt, C. Foster, J. J. Walter, A. C. Tucker, Henry Smith, J. H. Gould, G. S. Beckwith, Smith W. Kelsey, Adolph Fetting, D. Lughbuhl, Michael Fix, A. Brasche, H. Dierker, J. P. Gleich, C. Hankammer, Anton Schewe, Peter Thoes, F. H. Hebrank, August Gerloch, Henry Schmitz, Joseph Treu, Wm. Horne, Christian Kuenzli, P. F. Johnson, Isaiah Harris, Jehu Hodgson, G. M. Harvey, R. J. Marrs, Joseph Johnston, Morris Walton, E. R. Twitchell, C. D. Carpenter, Allen Hodgson, D. N. Jones, Uriah Sanner, Wm. O. Ewing, D. M. Johnston, Wm. H. Hewings, John Eberly, John H. Doty, Thomas Tomson and I. K. Perry.

In the above lists are 86 names. Highest vote cast at last election for county officers—Nov., '83—was 138.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.

WABAUNSEE COUNTY
KANSAS.

1882.





Commissioner Districts formed July, 1860, about as now constituted except the Pottawatomie Reserve.

At the January session, 1861, forty dollars was appropriated to procure three seals for the county; one for the county commissioners, one for the probate Judge and one for the register of deeds. J. M. Hubbard was appointed a committee to procure the seals.

Among other bills ordered paid was one of \$3.00 to A. C. Cutler for a book-case for the county treasurer.

At this (January) session the following is the report of receipts and expenditures for 1860:

Paid County Commissioners.....	\$130 25
" " Clerk.....	36 00
" Dept. " 	92 20
" Sheriff.....	200 85
" County Assessor	137 50
" Probate Judge.....	40 00
" County Attorney	36 00
" " Treasurer.....	57 53
" " Supt. Schools.....	12 25
" Transcript of Record from Davis Co..	28 50
" Fees in Butman case, Justices court,	101 95
" " " " District "	104 21
" Election expenses	60 60
" Roads, Hiram Keyes.....	100 00
" " Wm. Wiley....	75 00
" " W. McCormick.....	20 00
" Books, stationery and stamps.....	26 00
" Township Plats for Assessor.....	20 00
" Office Rent.....	14 00
" Printing	63 15
" Furniture and Stove.....	10 00
On tax list of Wabaunsee Twp.....	50 29
" " Mission Cr. "	213 08
" " Wilmington "	29 93
Outstanding orders.....	20 90

Total Liabilities, Jan. 1, '61,	\$1875 20
Total Expenses for 1860,	\$1545 17

Assets

For Tax receipts,	\$309 13
Tax levied.....	2311 99

Total assets,	\$2621 12
Liabilities,	\$1875 20

Bal. on hand, \$745 92

Feb. 28th. Bond of Wm. F. Cotton and C. B. Lines, as Justices of the Peace for Wabaunsee township presented and approved.

E. C. D. Lines was allowed \$3.00 for chairs for office.

The following bonds were presented for approval, April, 1861:

Of Trustees: G. M. Harvey, Wilmington; H. J. Loomis, Mission Creek; John Spiecker, Alma; G. G. Hall, Wabaunsee township.

Of Justices: Allen Hodgson, Wilmington; H. D. Shepard, Wilmington; Wm. H. Hewins, Mission Creek; F. H. Hebrank, Alma.

Constables: Daniel Spear and Richard M. Kendall, Wilmington; S. W. Higbee and Ed. M. Hewins, Mission Creek; Edward Krapp and Bernard Hansjacob, Alma township; John H. Pinkerton, Zeandale.

At the April session, 1862, the tax of 1859 of the Wilmington town company was abated on account of the illegality of the assessment.

At the July session, 1862, the following road petitions were presented:

By John Spiecker, for road from termination of Wabaunsee road to Alma and thence to Wilmington. Viewers: S. F. Ross, Anton Schewe and G. G. Hall. G. Zwanziger, surveyor.

By G. Zwanziger for road from Alma Mills to Herman Dierker's (C. Wertzberger's) and up the creek to Chas. Lehmberg's. Viewers: John P. Gleich, Joseph Thoes and John Copp.

By Joseph Thoes for a road from Fred Palenske's to Joseph Thoes' and Christoph Schröder's. Viewers: Michael Fix, August Brasche and Edward Krapp.

At the October session, 1862, bill of John Hodgson, sheriff, in case of State vs Ballard, of \$9.05 allowed in the sum of \$8.55—two days horse hire (@ \$1.00 per day cut to 75 cents per day.

At the January session, 1863, H. D. Shepard was appointed commissioner in place of James B. Ingersoll, resigned.

In March, 1863, the commissioners "voted to request the treasurer to give the printing of the delinquent tax list to the party that will give the most incidental printing for the job."

At an election held March 23, 1863, township officers were elected as follows:

Wabaunsee township: Trustee: A. C. Cutler. Justices: Wm. F. Cotton and A. W. Gregory. Constables: W. S. Griswold and Smith Kelsey. Road Overseers: Charles Taylor, S. A. Baldwin and J. M. Bisbey.

In Dist. 4, A. C. Tucker and Volney Love received one vote each. The board selected A. C. Tucker by lot.

In Zeandale township, Abner Allen was elected trustee and Joseph Haines and A. P. St. John, justices. T. S. St. John and Wm. F. Smith were elected constables.

Alma township: August Brasche was elected trustee, and Edward

Lower and Adolph Hankammer, justices. John Schwanke and L. Muehlenbacher, constables, and August Gerloch and Michael Fix, road overseers.

Mission Creek: H. J. Loomis, trustee, and J. W. Mossman and Silas Brittain, justices; Thomas Tomson and Geo. W. Dailey, constables, and J. W. Mossman and Thomas Barker, road overseers. Orson Frizzle and John H. Doty received 5 votes each. The board selected Frizzle by lot.

Wilmington township: George M. Harvey, trustee, and H. D. Shepard and Joseph McCoy, justices; E. H. Haskins and Wm. Eldred, constables, and Samuel Cripps, Samuel Woods and D. A. Woodard, road overseers.

At the July session, 1863, A. C. Tucker petitioned for a road from the foot of Mount Tabor (now Riley Co.) to the northeast corner of Tucker's claim, thence to intersect the Wabaunsee and Wilmington road near the northwest corner of Lewis Gregory's claim. J. M. Bisbey, J. E. Platt and Herman Dierker were appointed viewers. G. Zwanziger surveyed the road August 3rd.

At this session, C. Kuenzli petitioned for a road from Mission creek to the west line of the county. C. Hankammer, Silas Brittain and George M. Harvey, with G. Zwanziger, laid out the road Aug. 10th.

At the October session (1863), A. Penfield, J. A. Hankammer and S. A. Baldwin were appointed viewers on a road beginning at a point on the Wabaunsee and Wilmington road between the farms of Ed. Krapp and John Schrouder, thence south to school house No. 14 (Halifax), thence to Elm creek to school house No. 13 (McCoy's). John Hess was principal petitioner.

Another road ordered laid out at this session was one from W. K. Beach's to the west line of the county. Geo. M. Harvey, Christian Hankammer and J. T. Genn were appointed viewers to meet October 27, 1863.

Maple Hill precinct organized April, 1864, and R. H. Waterman's designated as the voting place,

On October 3, 1865, the petition of H. J. Loomis and nine others to vote \$100,000 to aid the Santa Fe Railroad was rejected. Joseph Treu voting for the proposition and H. D. Shepard and E. R. McCurdy voting against it.

At the January session, 1866, a petition signed by Rudolph Arndt and 132 others was presented praying for the permanent location of the county seat. Election ordered for Feb. 20. The vote stood:

For Alma, 110; Wabaunsee, 87; Peter Thoes' place, 27; Dragoon, 1; Wilmington, 1; Zeandale, 1; Maple Hill, 1. Total vote, 222. Necessary to a choice, 112. No place receiving a majority vote another election was ordered for March 6th. (See page 74.)

At the July session, 1866, on petition presented by J. M. Bisbey all neat cattle were required to be corralled at night.

April 4, 1870, Wilmington township was divided into three voting precincts, as follows: Dragoon, Elm creek and Rock creek.

Newbury township organized April 12, 1870, and two voting precincts established, to be known as East precinct and West precinct; elections to be held at Maple Hill and Newbury.

At the first election in this township (Newbury), held May 3, 1870, eleven votes were cast in the East precinct (Maple Hill) and twenty-three in West precinct (Newbury). John Winkler was elected trustee; Allen M. Phillips, treasurer; J. G. How, clerk, and John Mock, justice of the peace.

In the list of taxpayers for the year 1870 the following names appear:

Quash Qua; Mara-anna-una-gah-Rose; Much-quet; Sa-sa-quo-quah; Wamp-te-go-ahe-quah; Sa-quah; Pe-nosh; Naw-go-shuh; Osa-o-muck; Aahgh-mick-Bourassa; Wah-wid-no-quah; Joseph Smak-quish; Sah-quah; Po-te-go-quah; Pash-Kum-go-quah, and about twenty other names of Pottawatomie Indians who have since disposed of their real estate and removed from the county.

At the April session, 1871, George C. Corning was granted permission to establish a ferry across Kaw river at the big bend above the mouth of Mill creek.

At an election held Aug. 29, 1871, to vote bonds in the sum of \$160,000 to the Lawrence, Topeka & Solomon City Railroad 438 votes were cast for the bonds and 374 votes against.

Wilmington precinct established Oct., 1871.



FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE IN DIST. NO. 14 (HALIFAX). See page 58.

Some Early Marriages.

April 16, 1857, John P. Gleich and Mrs Catharine Terrass.

May 30, 1857, E. C. D. Lines and Grace A. Thomas.

Dec. 23, 1857, Silas M. Thomas and Cornelia Lines.

May 16, 1858, Hiram Keyes and Lucinda C. Hovey.

July 15, 1859, R. H. Waterman and Isabella Bourassa (Pottawatomie Reserve). Rev. Harvey Jones officiated at each of the above weddings.

July 3, 1858, J. T. Genn and Malinda Cotton, by Rev. Lewis Bodwell (at Topeka).

April 20, 1859, Joseph True and Catharine Klein, Edward L. Lower, officiating.

Jan 26, 1860, Edward B. Murrell and Mary Jane Harris, Allen Hodgson, J. P —at Jehu Hodgson's.

April 7, 1860, Daniel Benson and Abigail Hodgson, A. Hodgson, J. P.

Feb. 25, 1860, Thomas N. Hamilton and Zilphia Dow, by Rev. E. P. Ingersoll.

May 5, 1860, Chas. W. Peck, of Wabaunsee and Margaret McKinney, of the Pottawatomie Nation, by C. B. Lines, J. P.

Sept 26, 1860, Joseph Schutter and Theresa Metzger, John Schultz, Cath. Priest, officiating.

Jan. 1, 1861, H. M. Selden and Christina Terrass, Rev. W. A. McCollom officiating.

March 1, 1861, Julius F. Willard and Mary Elizabeth Terrass, by Rev. W. A. McCollom.

June 2, 1861, Henry F. Drake and Ellen Keese, by S. F. Ross, J. P.

June 16, 1861, Abraham Collins and Francis P. Weld, F. H. Hebrank, J. P.

May 1, 1861, Adolph Fetting and Mrs. Villa Mena Lehmberg. E. L. Lower, J. P. officiating.

May 5, 1861, John Henry Hanson Meseke and Mrs. Caroline Wolgast, E. L. Lower, J. P.

June 9, 1861, Joseph Thoes and Augusta Dieball, E. L. Lower, J. P.

Feb 2, 1862, John Schwanke and Wilhelmina Hankammer, by Wm. Lange, Lutheran pastor.

Feb. 21, 1862, John Doty and Nancy Miller, Allen Hodgson, J. P.

January 19, 1862, Peter Thoes and Ernestine Dieball, F. H. Hebrank, J. P.

Mar. 7, 1862, George W. Daily and Eliza Jane Doty, S. F. Ross, J. P.

April 2, 1862, Chas. E. Bisbey and Fanny M. Read, Rev. W. A. McCollom.

Nov. 13, 1862, Josiah Richards and Rachel Harriett Dummire, H. D. Shepard, J. P.

Dec. 2, 1862, Henry Schroeder and Anna Schwanke, F. H. Hebrank, J. P.

April 26, 1863, Wilhelm Frederick August Weber and Johanna Karoline Emelie Lehmberg, Wm. Lange, Pastor Lutheran church.

May 31, 1863, Peter Metzger and Louisa Krieg, by L. Dumertice (at St. Mary's).

March 16, 1863, Geo. S. Burt and Louisa B. Lines, Rev. Lewis Bodwell officiating.

April 2, 1864, Wm. Lesley and Mrs. Catharine Greemore, Rev. Chas. Guild.

Nov. 30, 1864, Hartwig Heidel and Mrs. Apollonia Wertzberger, E. L. Lower, J. P.

Jan. 19, 1865, Capt. James Smith, 7th Reg. Kans. Vols and Hattie E. Kelsey, by Rev. Chas. Guild.

April 2, 1865, George F. Hartwell and Ester Sharrai, Silas Brittain, J. P.

October 12, 1865, John Smith and Mary A. Dibble, Rev. Chas. Guild.

Dec. 19, 1865, Rev. Chas. L. Berner and Mrs. Christine Selden, M. Meyer, Evangelical Lutheran minister, officiating.

Jan. 12, 1866, Heinrich Kraus and Emilie Weber, by C. Berner, Evan. Luth. minister.

Jan. 7, 1866, Daniel Treu and Mrs. Johanna Lugibihl, by Rev. C. Berner.

April 11, 1866, Lyherdes Worcester and Jennette A. Rose, by Rev. Chas. Guild.

June 14, 1866, Dr. August Brasche and Wilhelmine Henrietta Anna Schultz, by Ph. F. Johnson, J. P.

April 24, 1866, John Adolph Hankammer and Mrs. Margaretha Michel, Rev. C. Berner, officiating.

June 3, 1866, Adolph Hankammer and Wilhelmina Schwanke, by Rev. C. Berner.

May 20, 1866, Edwin M. Hewins and Julia E. Ross, S. F. Ross, J. P.

May 13, 1866, Bernard Schutter and Mary Kraszons, Phillips Callton, O. S.

Jan. 1, 1867, Frederick Schepp and Margaritha Muehlenbacher, Ph. F. Johnson, J. P.

April 8, 1867, Henry Loehr and Elizabeth Teford, Joseph Thoes, J. P.

April 8, 1867, Isaac H. Isbell and Hattie D. Lines, Rev. Chas. L. Guild.

May 30, 1867, James Goff and Mettie V. Russell, Rev. Chas. L. Guild.

Nov. 13, 1867, J. M. Bisbey and Mary E. Earl, Rev. Chas. L. Guild.

Nov. 19, 1867, Louis Liebrock and Christine Hankammer, by Ph. F. Johnson, J. P.

Dec. 31, 1868, Jequam Calico and Waweed Moquah, M. Gaillard, S. I.

May 1, 1868, John B. Cotton and Eunice M. Allen, Rev. C. S. Guild.

May 11, 1868, August Gerloch and Catherine Engelhardt, G. Zwanziger, J. P.

Aug. 20, 1868, Charles Grunewald and Henrietta Moege, G. Zwanziger, J. P.

Dec. 24, 1868, Arthur M. Read and Anna Isbell, Rev. R. M. Tunnell officiating.

Jan. 2, 1869, Peter Coktah and Coach No Quah, Rev. M. Gaillard.

Jan. 29, 1869, Wm. Strasen and Emily Kietzmann, by G. Zwanziger, J. P.

April 8, 1869, John Boettcher and Sarah Sharp, P. F. Johnson, J. P.

April 18, 1869, Adolph Zeckser and Caroline Lettler, by P. F. Johnson, J. P.

June 27, 1869, Moritz Kraus and Wilhelmine Welk, Carl Lang, J. P.

Nov. 25, 1869, Henry Klein and Mary Hensel, Carl Lang, J. P.

Jan. 5, 1870, B. C. Benedict and Sarah Dunbar, by Rev. James G. Merrill.

Feb. 3, 1870, A. C. Cutler and Ellen F. Weaver, Rev. R. M. Tunnell.

March 3, 1870, Wm. Carter and Margaret A. Shaw, Rev. Philetus Beverly.

March 6, 1870 Lardner J. McCrumb and Jane A. Barker, J. W. Mossman, J. P.

March 17, 1870, David F. Carter and Margaret A. Harris, by Rev. Philetus Beverly.

April 14, 1870, F. M. Meredith and S. D. Carter, H. M. Reese, J. P.

May 5, 1870, Ludwig Kaeckel and Henrietta Meyer, H. M. Reese, J. P.

May 15, 1870, Apitec Kijek and Teresa Massowa, by A. Sweere.



FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE IN DIST. NO. 10—TEMPLIN: BUILT IN 1865.

The Alma Salt Works—that in 1877 promised much and resulted in little to the sturdy farmers of the Mill creek valley who furnished the means to put the scheme on its feet—at one time sent to market from thirty to fifty barrels of pure, white salt every day. The industry wasn't all a myth and had the promoters been honest in their efforts our county might today be proud of her big salt plant. But ready cash seemed more desired than salt and the leading farmers in the vicinity of Alma generously donated the needful. The tall brick chimney, the huge iron kettles and the piles of cord-wood gave evidence of energy that would probably have been well expended in a good cause but for the tendency to divert other people's money out of legitimate channels and into the pockets of the manipulators. It required years of toil to counteract the baleful effects entailed on the generous farmers who were victimized by those in whom they had reposed their confidence.

Mr. Hiram Ward, in his address before the old settlers' meeting at Harveyville, Oct. 10, 1895, said: "On my arrival in Kansas in 1862 I found a string of settlers along the streams and a few along the roads to catch the traveler's dimes and quarters but no orchards, though a few sprouts of trees were seen, well trimmed by cattle. The fruit was the wild grape and crab apple. We were told that we were out on the borders of the Great American desert and could not raise fruit so far west. Perhaps in the bottoms as far west as Lawrence some fruit might grow but no further. But Mr. J. M. Bisbey, of Pavilion had planted an orchard in 1855—seven years before—proving by actual test that Kansas is a fruit country."

At the October session of the board of commissioners, 1856, The Wabaunsee Ferry Company was granted a license to run a ferry across Kansas river at Wabaunsee, the following to be rates of toll:

- 50 cents for one pair of horses or cattle and wagon.
- 25 cents for every additional pair of horses or cattle.
- 25 cents for one horse and buggy.
- 20 cents for one horse and man.
- 10 cents per head for cattle.
- 5 cents per head for swine and sheep.

At the January session, 1871, H. James was granted a license to maintain a ferry across Kansas river with rates as follows:

- For four-horse team or two yoke of oxen, 75 cents.
- For two-horse team, 50 cents.
- For one-horse team, 25 cents.
- Footman, 10 cents.
- Loose stock, per head, 5 cents.

JOHN THOMAS, WITH AN ALIAS.



One dead and three wounded—that was the result of a wholesale shooting at Maple Hill on Wednesday night, May 4, 1898. Until a few days before the shooting "Missouri John" had been employed at the Fowler ranch. John was best man in the affections of Nellie Brand, a pretty Scotch girl, until the bookkeeper, a Swede, crossed his path. Other employes, also Swedes, twitted the discharged employe about his luck, or misfortune, in the little love affair, until, in a rage, he swore he would kill every Swede on the ranch.

Wednesday night, May 4th, Thomas hired a horse at Romick's barn and went to the West ranch to see Miss Brand. Edwin Fransen and others advised him to leave, when he said: "All right, I will," and began shooting at everyone in sight—inflicting a mortal wound on Fransen and shooting Carl Kinstrom through the wrist. Another bullet ploughed through Miss Brand's hair but three or four shots fired at Smith, the bookkeeper went wild.

Thomas then rode five miles to the East ranch and calling Gus Carlson, the farm foreman, to the door, said: "Gus, you are a pretty good fellow, but you gave me away in this thing, now take that," accompanying the words by a shot from his revolver. Carlson closed the door, catching Thomas' forearm, holding him fast. In this position Thomas emptied his revolver into the room—one ball cutting several holes in the covering over young Anderson, lying in bed.

After being released from the closed door Thomas fired several bullets through a window into the bed where Tom Gristy slept, but Tom had just returned from Kansas City, and on account of the rain had stopped for the night at the hotel kept by Mrs. Beaubien at Maple Hill. Fransen died at 8 o'clock Thursday evening.

Thomas went westward, turning his horse loose in Nathan Matthews' pasture, and secreting his saddle in a clump of bushes, went to Halifax, staying all night and taking breakfast Friday morning with Mr. J. B. Crumb. Going eastward on the railroad Sheriff Treu lost track of the fugitive—he next appearing at Ernest Wendland's, where he stayed Sunday night. Thomas slept two nights at John Olson's, near Alta Vista, cutting off his mustache while here. At Olson's he slept with a son of H. J. J. Wege, who was unaware of the \$500 reward offered for his bedfellow.

May 16th Thomas passed Volland, Alta Vista, and Dwight, on foot arriving at White City in the afternoon. Here he played tramp, accepting hand-outs of the good people of White City. Thomas took the blind baggage for Herington but dropped off at Latimer, walked to Herington and returned to Templin on the local next morning. When last seen was at Lumb's place, where he took breakfast Tuesday morning, May 17th—thirteen days after the shooting at Maple Hill.

J. M. Wilkerson, ex-Chief of Police of Topeka, is still looking for Thomas. He describes him as 5 ft. 10 in. high, weight, 160, sandy complexion, very freckled, and has a scar or birthmark the size of half-dollar near small of back. John plays old-fashioned tunes on the banjo and is probably going under any other name than Thomas.

The Smallpox in 1871.

Mr. Herman Fink had come over from Germany and was boarding with Mr. Carl Falk, of Templin. Smallpox broke out on the ship on which Mr. Fink came across the ocean but he escaped the disease. But the germs evidently secreted themselves in his clothes-chest, for several weeks after his arrival he gave his clothes an airing and then the smallpox germs began making trouble. Mr. Falk's family was the first to be taken down.

The disease spread until nearly every family in the Templin settlement had the smallpox, though in some families but one or two were taken down with the complaint, the others miraculously escaping. Though Mr. Ferdinand Zimmerman, Mr. Henry Grimm and others were in daily contact with the sick, administering to their wants no symptoms of smallpox appeared. Several deaths occurred: the marks of the dread disease left behind indicate that the malady was of a malignant type.

The disease spread to Alma and the settlement on the East branch—Mr. Edward Krapp having the malady in its most aggravated form and his daughter, Gertrude, dying of the same ailment. Mr. N. H. Whittemore, the county attorney died at Mr. Adolph Zeckser's, in Alma, where he was boarding, and, in all, quite a number of deaths resulted from the pestilential malady.

Remarkable and Eccentric.

Two more fitting adjectives could not be chosen to express the characteristics of the one man, who, more than any other, delights in regaling his Alma auditors with the varied experiences of a strenuous life.

John Allen—if his calendar can be relied on—has seen 95 years and he is as hale and hearty as men of strong physique usually are at 60. But the would be skeptic as to John's age is no longer in a doubtful mood when his repertoire of adventures is unfolded.

It wasn't long after the civil war that John pulled into Alma with a team of Kentucky thoroughbreds and even now he claims the ownership of several racers of his own raising that can beat a 2:20 clip any day. Having rode Lexington in some of his greatest races, John feels that he is entitled to more than usual credit in matters pertaining to the race course. John also brought with him a water Spaniel that he bought in Australia, on one of his trips around the world.

When John came to Alma he was suffering from an open wound that he said was inflicted in a personal encounter with Colonel Dick Taylor. The blow stunned John, and that accounts for his being the sole survivor of the Fort Pillow massacre. Had the blow fallen with less force it is probable that he wouldn't have been left for dead and thereby have escaped further injury. But under the soothing influences of our salubrious atmosphere an ugly scar was soon the only reminder of one of the terrible scenes enacted during the war.

In John's boyhood days he was the guardian and protector of the boys of the first families of the blue grass region. He tells with delight of the days when the Clays and the Breckenridges sent him in charge of their boys to school—boys who in after years occupied prominent places in our country's history. He refers with special pride to one occasion, when, in passing through a dense forest on the way to school the boys were attacked by panthers. John gives the

number of panthers killed in going a mile as 19, and we have his word for it that nary a panther got away.

John says he remembers distinctly the massacre of the people of Fort Dearborn, on the present site of Chicago. He was on the ground when Black Hawk's house and another belonging to the agent of the Pottawatomie Indians was all there was of Chicago. Of course John availed himself of the opportunity to get in on the ground floor and as his rents come in from the block of lots he had the foresight to take in he realizes that it is better to be born lucky than rich.

We have it direct from John that he was with Fremont in 1849 when he passed through this county on the way to the Pacific coast. He remembers distinctly the ringing speech made by Henry Clay from the crest of Buffalo mound and says he planted a tree near the top of the mound to commemorate the occasion and that while Mr. George Clothier was county superintendent he told him the tree was still alive and in a thriving condition.

John claims to have been present when Henry Clay fought a duel with Humphrey Marshall and that he still has the cane given him by Mr. Clay for holding his hat. He says that when Chicago and St. Charles, Mo. were contesting for the honor of being the center of the world St. Charles would have got it but for Henry Clay, who, during a recess of the Senate bought the deciding vote that made Chicago the winner.

When acting in the role of Assistant Veterinary Surgeon in a Government Expedition sent out to the Staked Plains an epidemic carried off a large number of the horses used by the cavalry, but John came to the rescue. He used heroic measures. He would cut open the horses and remove the cause—a large worm, four or five inches in length and larger than your finger. Then he would sew up the wound, thus fitting the horse for the hard service exacted of him on this perilous trip in the wilds of Texas.

One of John's most highly prized pictures is of a woman detective, with a colored boy as an attendant. He regrets that by his going under an assumed name he has been deprived of a niche in the temple of fame—won while on detached service, as a detective carrying dispatches between Washington and Richmond.

While driving from Alma to his farm, three miles out, John says that more than once he has been delayed on his trip by a big snake that he alleges reached clear across the road and for several feet on either side. As the snake seemed about two feet in diameter it was of course necessary to await his snakeship's pleasure before continuing his journey home.

But John's wanderings have not been confined to the land, he having passed many years of his life on the ocean. Besides being in Cuba

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Former Coroner, West Branch.



MRS. AUGUST BRASCHE, Alma.

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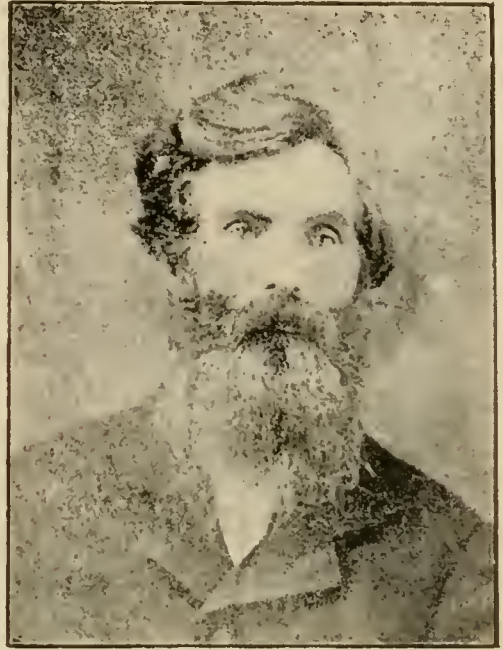


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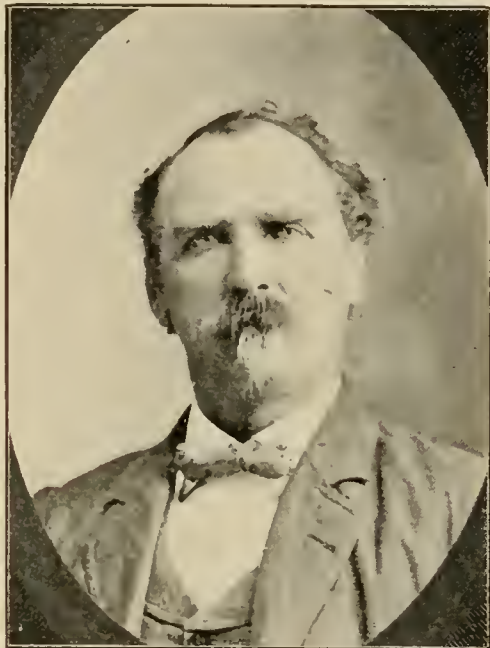


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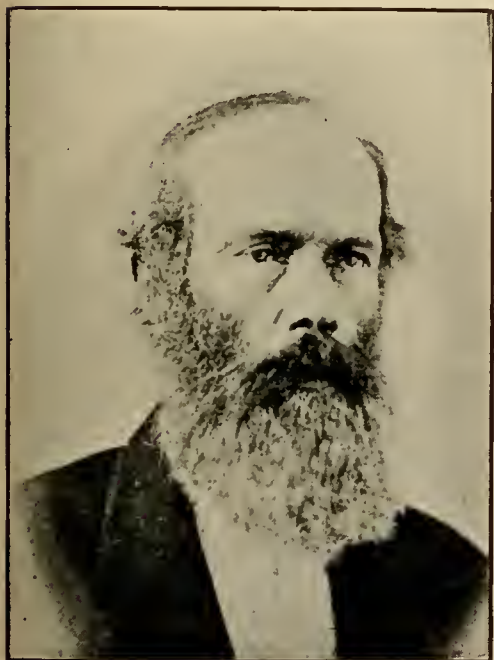
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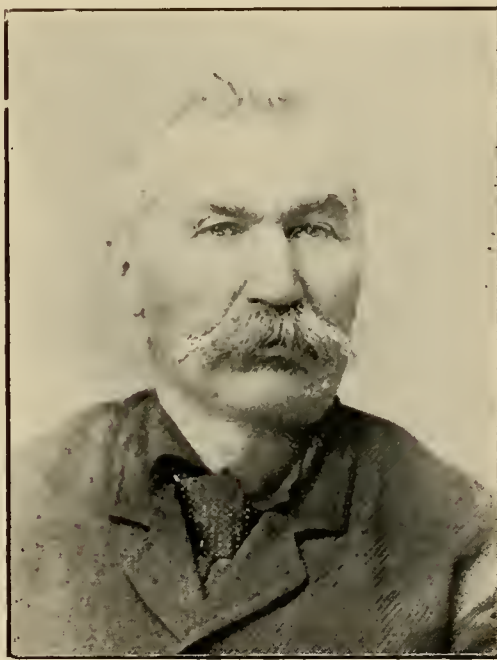
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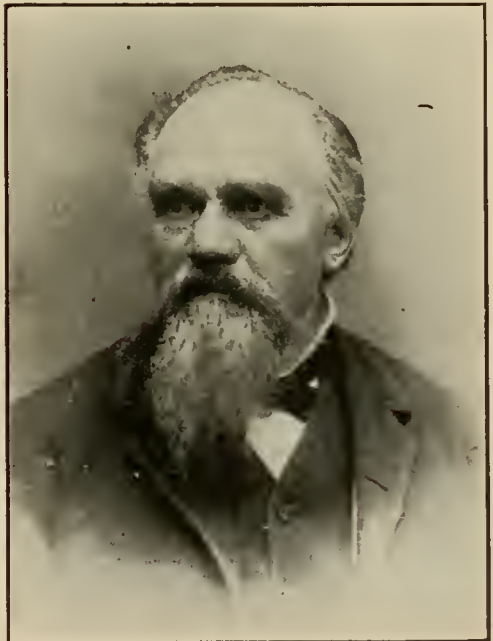
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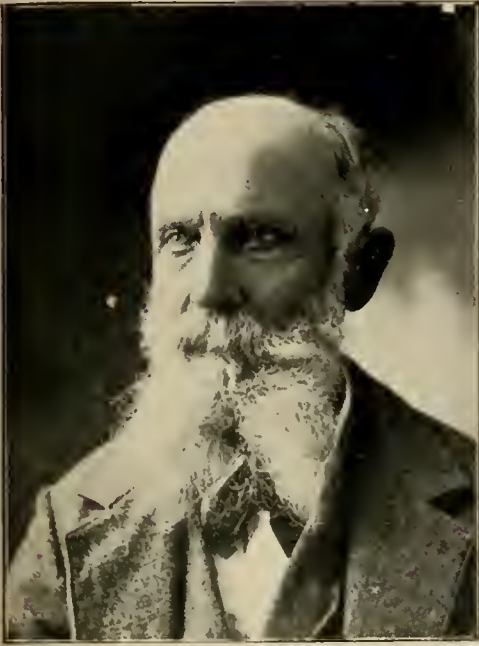


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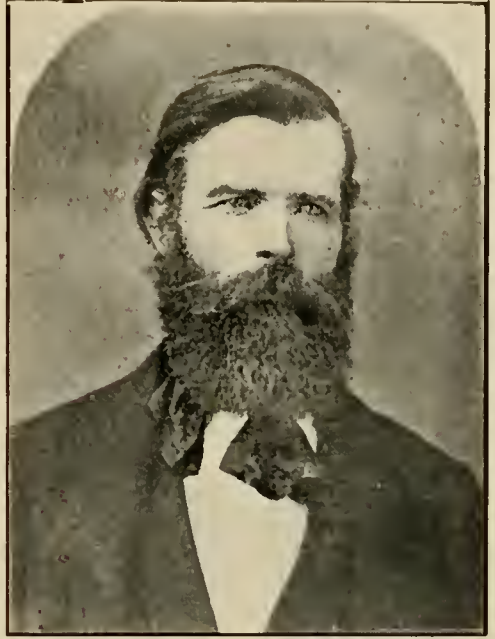


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Alma.



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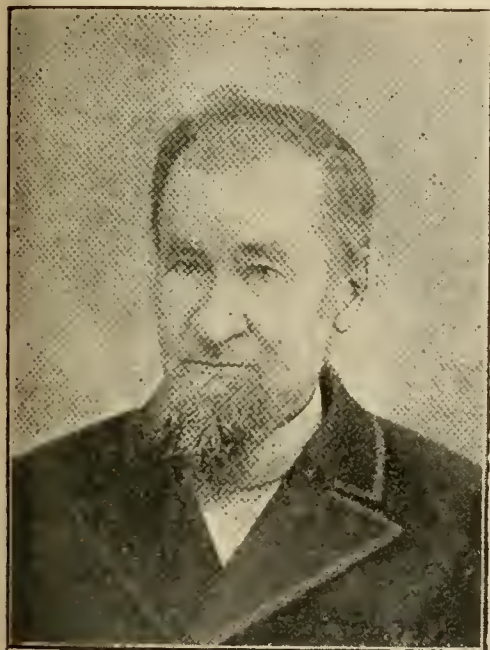
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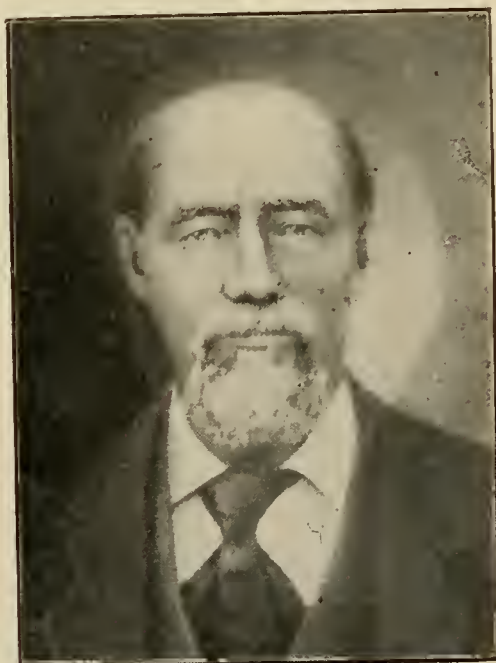
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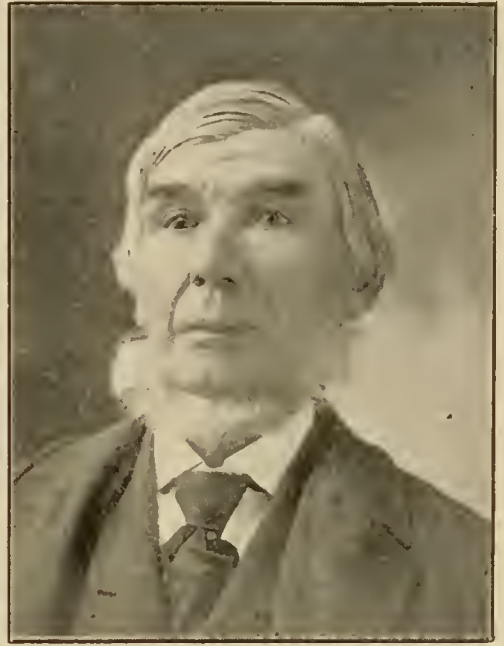


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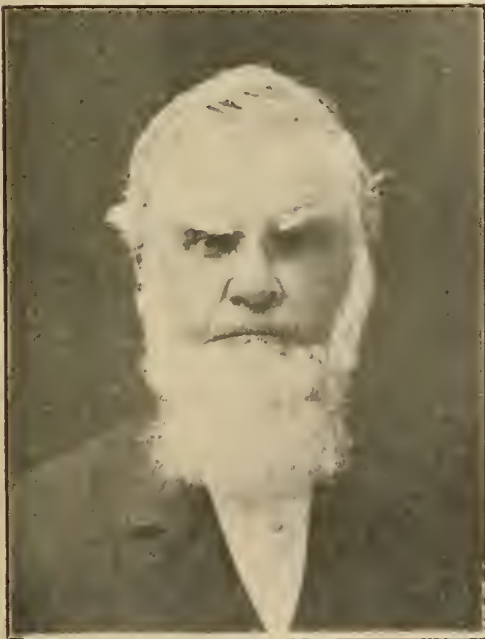
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MR. GUS DROEGE, Farmer Township.



MR. ANTON SCHEWE, Farmer Township.



MR. PETER THOES (dec'd), Farmer Township.



MR. RUDOLPH ARNDT, Templin.

and the Philippines long before the Spanish war was thought of he went in an early day on a voyage to the South seas in search of the South pole, but after diligent and persevering effort he concludes the South pole is a myth.

In fact it is John's firm conviction that the earth isn't round, but square—a theory he urges as tenable on the hypothesis that otherwise the Biblical reference to the four corners of the earth would be misleading. We may as well state here that John has been induced to keep quiet relative to the shape of the earth in consideration of that spirit of friendship he feels towards Mr. Palenske, who has on sale several globes showing the earth to be round. But it cannot be expected that after a reasonable length of time has elapsed—whether the globes are disposed of or not—John will longer withhold forcible expression of his convictions as to the earth's alleged spherical form.

While John was a sailor before the mast he was often detailed to take soundings and to those long used to the familiar calls of "Mark Twain," "Quarter-less twain" "No bottom" the responses made by John sound unique. Sometimes it would be "Two thousand feet" then "five thousand feet," fifteen thousand feet," twenty-five thousand feet"—then the Captain would feel safe and give John a rest.

Ships with masts 700 or 800 feet high, from the tops of which voices of sailors ten or twelve miles away can be heard; Mermaids, who carry ship-wrecked sailors to their homes and treat them so kindly that the Mermen fly off the handle in jealous rage; of the Island of Matanzas, with men but three feet high with beards reaching to their knees and of John's perilous trip around the Horn, after three months buffeting the waves in the vain endeavor to accomplish what was more than easy on his next trip—when the sea-captains had dug a canal, so wide you couldn't see the shore on either side—these are a few of the many things John delights to tell the land-lubbers, who gather about him and talk to him about such nonsensical things as a world round like a ball.

John doesn't speak boastingly of his book-learning but as a relator of thrilling adventures by land and sea he is a world beater—well deserving the name of Alma's most remarkable and eccentric character.



FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE IN DIST. NO. 5—NEAR DOVER.

Pem-Co-Wye Repays a Kindness.

Pem-Co-Wye was a very sick Indian and when Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palenske called at his wigwam one hot Sunday in August, 1864, he was glad to see his pale-faced visitors.

Pem-Co-Wye's wigwam was located on Mill creek just below where Mr. Moritz Hund now lives. All the other Indians had gone fishing, leaving the sick Pottawatomie to keep house.

The Indian had many times eaten a hearty meal at the Palenske home and he felt that the time had come to repay their many acts of kindness. The absence of the other Indians prompted Pem-Co-Wye to unburden his mind of a weight that had caused the good Indian to pass many sleepless nights—that his people thought due to the dread disease, by reason of which his once robust form was fast being reduced to a shadow.

The Pottawatomies had sent out many war parties against the Pawnees but the young warriors of the tribe reasoned that it was useless to go so far from home for ponies when their white neighbors, thinly settled as they were, on the several branches of Mill creek, had plenty of good horses and cattle they could get more easily.

The young warriors had heard that the whites were fighting among themselves and they reasoned that now was their golden opportunity to wreak terrible revenge on their pale-faced brothers who were fast encroaching on their lands.

The good Indian's warning set Palenske to thinking and the feeling of uneasiness rendered the homeward journey anything but pleasant. But next day came Pem-Shah, another frequent Indian visitor at the Palenske home, and when he left for his tepee on lower Mill creek there was a consultation that ended with a resolve to leave the Mill creek settlement till the storm should blow over. Pem-Shah's words that had so deeply impressed Mr. Palenske but corroborated the statement made by Pem-Co-Wye the day before. He had said but a few words but they were ominous and portended coming evil. "Bye-bye full moon come. Then Indians have heap cattle and horses."

With these words Pem-Shah left. His pale-faced brother could unravel any seeming mystery his words might imply.

In a few days the young warriors rode by in their war paint going

South. But they didn't go far. Up at Henry Schroeder's they pitched their camp and the nightly din of the tom-tom aroused the few settlers along the branches of Mill creek to a sense of danger. Their nightly war dances meant something more than a raid against the Pawnees.

Mr. E. G. Ross, their agent, was appealed to; and he, accompanied by Mr. Ed. Krapp, visited their camp and induced their war chiefs to return to the reservation.

Though the settlers felt relieved many of them slept in their corn fields for several weeks and Mr. Palenske, with others went to Topeka, where they remained five weeks. The young warriors threatened vengeance against Pem-Co-Wye, having heard that he had given them away. But before the frosts came the spirit of the good Indian had departed for the other shore. Pem-Co-Wye had gone to the Happy Hunting Grounds.

Me Killee Palenske.

One day in August, 1863, while Mrs. Palenske was alone in their little log cabin home on the banks of Mill creek a drunken Pottawatomie Indian, accompanied by his squaw, rode up to the house and, waving a Colt's navy revolver in a threatening manner, said: "Me Killee Palenske."

And the Indian's manner indicated that he meant just what he said. Though frightened, Mrs. Palenske was assured by the squaw that she needn't be afraid—that she would see that her spouse didn't carry out his threat. She would prevent his getting off his horse. Of course this assurance on the part of the squaw was appreciated but not until the Indian rode away did the feeling of fear pass off.

But the Pottawatomie was on murder bent and down below the mouth of Hendricks creek the Indian's spree culminated in a brutal murder—he wantonly shooting down one of five brothers of an Indian family living in a wigwam near where Mr. Henry Schmitz afterwards built his residence.

The brothers of the young Indian had been eye-witnesses to the terrible tragedy, and, true to the proverbial attributes of their race, wreaked quick retribution on the murderer, who, without the least provocation had taken the life of an unarmed boy.

The drunken Indian who would "killee Palenske" was a quarrel-

some specimen of the Lo family upon whom the educational advantages of a college training had had no perceptible influence for good. On returning to his people he had discarded the garb of civilization and donned, again, the blanket of his tribe. He had left the christianizing influences of his surroundings behind him but had brought with him from the Eastern school and its environs, the vices that were responsible for his undoing.

A profligate career had been summarily closed and the threat to "killsee Palenske" was never carried out.

Was it Murder?

On August 15, 1868, Marshall Ray, Emery Fowler, J. C. Hill, Isaac Dean, E. F. Arthur and Henry Deibert drove into the Dragoon settlement looking for claims. Night overtaking them at my father's farm they requested the privilege of camping near the house and the further privilege of picketing their horses in a small pasture close at hand.

A colored man named George Woods lived on what is now the J. M. Lee place, tending part of the plow land on the farm that summer. But the corn had been laid by and George was working by the day for such farmers as might be in need of his services, going to, and returning from, his work on horseback.

On that day he had gone to Burlingame and it was late before he reached home. Knowing nothing of the presence of campers on the place he had let down the bars to the pasture and was in the act of turning his pony into the lot when the sharp report of a pistol rang out—the first intimation to George of the presence of strangers on the premises.

George died from the effects of the wound and Ray and Fowler were arrested. The other men were detained as witnesses and all remanded to the Riley county jail after a preliminary examination before J. M. Johnson, J. P., Morris Walton being the prosecuting witness and Sam Easter, constable.

The accused were released on a writ of habeas corpus and a second time arrested, but for lack of sufficient evidence to convict were allowed to resume their search for a home. But the prejudice that had been aroused against them by reason of what seemed a wanton disregard of human life if not wilful murder convinced the homeseekers that Wabaunsee county was a good place to stay away from.

The people refused to accept the plea that the shooting was due to the impression that Woods was a horse thief.

“A Precious Pair.”

From the Signal of Oct. 25, 1890: Under the above heading the Kansas City Times of a recent date contained an item that was not devoid of interest to the people of Alma for the reason that the parties referred to were residents here for several months and both were well known to our people.

The parties referred to went by the name of Ben and Arthur Claire. On being arrested on suspicion by the police, they claimed to be brothers, but when the younger of the two was taken before the matron in charge of the woman's department he (or she) acknowledged that the clothes were worn as a disguise—that her right name was Arthie and that she was the wife of Ben Claire; that the disguise was assumed that she might be better enabled to travel through the country and the more readily secure work.

Ben and Arthur (or Arthie) came to Alma sometime in May last, claiming to be brothers. Ben worked in Fox's stone quarry and Arthur was porter and runner at the Commercial House.

Arthur, of course, stopped at the Commercial, while Ben boarded at Spear's restaurant—except, occasionally, when he would get a little lonesome—then he would go down and talk over business with his young brother.

Arthur was a good looking boy and some of Alma's young ladies thought he was too cute for anything. But somehow the young man's popularity wasn't of the “lasty” kind. He wasn't lavish with his funds in the way of patronizing the ice cream parlors. He seemed to care more for his brother Ben than he did for the girls. And yet, with Ben and Arthur, all wasn't sunshine by any means. One day, Ben got outside of too much “original package,” and the way his little brother went for Ben was a caution.

He gave Ben a regular tongue-lashing. Several parties took in the fun and the wonder is that they didn't suspect the boy of being a woman on account of his nimble speech.

Perhaps they would, but Arthur had a way of throwing people off their guard that was effective. He carried out this part of the program by using tobacco—both chewing and smoking.

When the work shut down at the quarry, Ben and his little

brother went out to Herman Mueller's and accepted a position in the corn-cutting business. Of course they slept together as brothers should. But the boys noticed that the brothers didn't get along together the best in the world. While in the field there was a constant war of words and somehow the little fellow (or fellowess) would always manage to get in the last word—another bit of evidence that might have revealed her sex.

When the handsome boy first struck Alma some of the girls noticed that he was awful shy. Of course they now know the reason: All girls are shy and awkward the first time they don their brother's clothes—somehow they don't seem to fit.

Some of our young men now see that they were guilty of very ungallant conduct. While acting in the role of runner at the hotel the boy slept on a cot in the office—being awakened by an alarm clock in time to make the trains.

One night, some of our young men (we promised to withhold their names) thinking to have some fun at the boy's expense, tied his ankles together while he was asleep—for the fun they would have when the alarm clock should "go off." Of course the boys had their fun, but now they blush away back behind their ears when they are twitted about tying a woman's ankles. The only way they can stop the racket is to set up the peanuts.

There was one peculiarity about the boy—he couldn't be induced to play baseball—for fear, perhaps, that he would give himself away in trying to catch a "fly." Neither could he be induced to go in swimming. He said he couldn't swim and besides he was always afraid of the water.

Well, some of our young men have learned a lesson. Hereafter good-looking boys will be treated to ice cream in summer and to oysters when the dog-days are gone.

Item in Signal, Dec. 14, 1889: Our panther has been heard from again. As Johnnie Keagy, Fred Ross and Roland Medlicott were in the timber on Hendricks creek on Saturday last they heard the panther's shrill cry. The cries came nearer and nearer until the animal was within a hundred yards of where the boys were. As the sounds increased in volume the animal's voice became less musical and the boys thereupon concluded they had no further business in that locality. It must not be supposed that the boys were afraid at all, but as the panther had never harmed them in the least, they had no ill feeling toward the brute and besides they were not looking for that kind of game.

Wealth in Cattle.

From Signal, April 26, 1896: Wabaunsee county has been called the Switzerland of Kansas, for the reason, we presume, that our hills resemble mountains—to people who never saw a mountain.

But besides boasting of as fertile valleys as are to be found anywhere it is true that many thousands of cattle roam over our hills and fatten on the nutritious grasses thereon—requiring little or no attention from their owners.

These conditions have long been recognized by large cattle dealers in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, and many rich, golden harvests have been gathered in by these wide-awake dealers in succulent beef-steak. But it is only within the last few years that our home people have begun to realize the fact that the treasures carried away by others can just as well be taken care of by residents of our own county.

The result of this wise conclusion is seen in the number of our people employed in the cattle business, who, a few years ago, had never entertained a thought of acquiring a fortune, or even a competency, through the medium of the cattle industry.

We give a partial list of some of our stock men residing in Alma and vicinity who hope to reap some of the benefits from our rich, green pasture lands.

Stuewe Bros.....	1800
M. Nicolson.....	1200
E. J. Buckingham.....	800
A. S. Allendorph	600
Kinne & Lockhart.....	600
Scott Thompson.....	500
Henderson Bros.....	400
Albert Thoes.....	400
Geo. Casey.....	300
Frank Brothers.....	200
Fred Thowe.....	200
Fred Crafts.....	130
Davis Bros.....	100

These figures indicate approximately the number of cattle now on hand, though as several of the number are large dealers the numbers fluctuate.

It will be seen that nearly 7,000 head of cattle are owned by a

dozen or more of our people, the greater number of whom have but recently awakened to the fact that the profits from our pasturage may as well be kept where they rightly belong—at home.

In addition to the cattle owned by residents, nearly 20,000 head belonging to outsiders will be grazed in the vicinity of Alma.

Of this number Mr. Buckingham will have charge of 6,000 head; Frank Bros., Davis Bros., and Kinne & Lockhart will each graze 4,000 head—the number to be grazed by the three firms aggregating 12,000 head, exclusive of their own cattle. Mr. Casey will graze about 500 head in addition to his own herd of 300.

In other parts of the county large herds are owned by men who have made fortunes in cattle and who are today none the less enthusiastic than heretofore in the belief that there is big money in the cattle business. Of this number, Mr. Frank Rickershauser of Paxico, has a large herd, as have, also, Waugh & Peters, John Rehrig and Tom Rush, of Eskridge, Fowlers, of Maple Hill, and Mr. C. Langvardt and Mr. J. W. Naylor, of Alta Vista, John Clark, of Dover, Fred Miller, of Kaw township and scores of others who years ago recognized the value of our Kansas grasses.

This is a good showing and yet the cattle industry in Wabaunsee county is but in its infancy. That there is wealth in cattle has just begun to dawn on many, who, heretofore, have seemed oblivious of a fact that should have been recognized long ago.

Since the above was written—six years—there have been several changes in the personnel of those actively engaged in the stock business. While a few have sought wealth in other avocations nearly all are exerting renewed efforts in a calling that brings sure returns to all. But in addition to those already named we give a partial list of others who are fast coming to the front either as dealers, or raisers of fine cattle and hogs, as follows:

Frank Schmidt, Wm. Maas & Sons, August and Chas. Zeckser, Schmitz Bros., A. M. Jordan, and C. B. Fields, of Alma; Tom Wilson, Ed. Shumate & Sons, of Eskridge; Sebastian Wertzberger, H. W. Steinmeyer, Robert Fix, Henry Grimm and Wm. Horne, of Volland; Otto and Henry Hess, Henry Lochr, and Finney Bros., of Halifax; C. S. Kelley and the Muckenthalers, of Paxico; Henry Fauerbach, Frank and Horace Adams, and W. J. Tod, of Maple Hill; Tom Maney, Frank Ronneau and John Maguire, of Kaw township (St. Marys); Geo. S. Burt and John O'Malley, of Wabaunsee; S. G. Cantrill, of Harveyville; Herman Arndt of Templin and James Cessnun of Chalk, and scores of our farmers who prove by their works their faith in Wabaunsee county as among the best stock raising centres of the world.

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Mr. W. W. Ross, Indian agent, and Capt. Ed. Krapp, to quiet the alarmed settlers, went to their camp on the head of South Branch, and, explaining the situation to the chiefs, induced them to return to the deserted villages on the Pottawatomie reserve.

A Free Ride in a Cattle Car.

Item in Signal, June 21, 1893: A tramp giving his name as John Fair appeared at the Atchison (Kan.) police station one night, recently, bruised from head to foot, and asked permission to sleep at the station till morning. Fair said he had come to Atchison from Omaha in a through stock train and that he had the most terrible experience of his life. Shortly before the train pulled out of Omaha the tramp said he crawled into a car loaded with steers. The steers soon began to step on him and seeing that would never do the tramp climbed on the back of one of the steers. This enraged the animal and it lunged forward, exciting the other steers and there was a panic. The maddened steers dashed about, hooking the tramp on all sides. He put his arms about the neck of the steer that he was riding and held his grip until the train stopped at Atchison. The tramp's head had struck the top of the car a number of times and was badly bruised.

When Hartman Bollier who, a few years later, was deputy supreme organizer of the Maccabees, read the above item in the Signal he called at the office and said: "That was rather a tough experience that tramp had in the cattle car wasn't it?" "Well, I got in just such a fix last summer down in Texas. I was dead broke and wanted to get back home but for the life of me I couldn't get employment of any kind. But roasting ears were cheap and car fare away down—provided the brakeman didn't watch too close. But there was the trouble. After being put off about a dozen times I looked up a cattle car and crawled in. The outlook wasn't very inviting but I mounted on the back of the biggest steer in the car and waited for developments. They came soon enough and I got some hard knocks from the long-horns. When the horns would get too uncomfortably close I would crawl onto another steer—some would kick like blazes and others would tremble through fear. When a steer would get down I would lay close to his back to keep out of sight of the cow punchers until the train started again. This went on all right till I got to a little station down in the Indian Territory. Then one of the cow punchers spied me out. "What in the name of the great horn spoon are you doing in there," said the cowboy. "Oh, just taking a ride." "Come out of that or them — Texas steers will kill you." "Me and

the steers for that," I answered, for tough as riding in a cattle car was it beat walking all to smash. But on being told I could ride in the caboose I bid the steers good-bye and thanked the good Lord at the prospect of getting back to Kansas. "But I wouldn't take that ride again for a million dollars." And Hartman meant every word he said.

Our Genius in Limbo.

From Signal, Jan. 14, 1893: While in prison, John Bunyan wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*, and Daniel De Foe gave to the world his *Robinson Crusoe*. Now Harry Faults may not have heard of either of his predecessors but he is, nevertheless, furnishing additional evidence that imprisonment may at times prove a blessing in disguise.

Since Harry got into that little trouble by taking hold of a rope with a horse attached to the other end of it he hasn't employed his time making wooden keys to get out and prospect around for more of the same kind of ropes, but he has philosophically accepted the situation and occupies his time in constructing such things as mouse cages, toy furniture, ships, etc., indubitable evidence that Harry is a genuine mechanic. He has constructed three mouse cages, each succeeding attempt being an improvement on the one preceding.

Confined in the cage last made are two mice, one a little fellow that delights to turn the wheel and the other a staid old mouse whose appearance indicates the early necessity of a further enlargement of the diminutive prison. It is amusing to watch either of the mice as they climb the sides of the rapidly turning wheel, or as they make an agile spring for the small circular opening in the upper chamber that completely hides the prisoners from view.

Then, there is a dresser, or bureau, surmounted by a glass frame and with three glass drawers below. A neatly made chair and center table complete the set.

But a year of Harry's life was passed on the ocean. At one time for more than fifty days he did not put his foot on the land—on a voyage from Galveston, Texas, to Amsterdam. Harry hasn't forgotten how ships that sail the bright seas over are built, and among other things he has constructed three models of vessels. The last one made is, of course, the best, and is a thing of beauty.

Each mast has its shrouds—or rope ladders, as a landsman or an

editor would call them—made of thread. There are the hatchways, and the galley, or cook house, and, a genuine wheel with cogs to turn it. Our reporter never saw a real ship but he has seen lots of models and pictures of them and this looks just like them—it is as pretty as a picture. But Harry calls this a brigantine, which goes to show that our reporter don't know a ship when he sees one.

Harry being in jail, you may wonder, maybe, where he got his tools. You will think, probably, that he has a full kit. Well, he has, but the kit is a mighty small one—only a saw, a small nail, and a piece of glass—nothing more, and what a saw. It is about four or five inches long and nearly a half inch wide, the teeth being mere notches in the tin. But with these makeshifts of tools Harry does neat work, sawing out thin slabs from old cigar boxes—of which material the greater part of the various pieces of handiwork are constructed.

Harry has gone wrong and his mistake should be a warning to the hundreds of young men growing up to man's estate who are leaving their manhood in the lurch. But Harry may have a better future before him. For awhile he may be compelled to sit on the stool of repentance—then, we hope a brighter future will welcome him to a field of usefulness in the industrial world beyond the portals of the Alma jail.

Attending Court in the Sixties.

From Signal of Feb. 11, 1893: Mr. L. J. McCrumb was in attendance at court doing jury service this week and was, as usual, full of reminiscences of Auld Lang Syne. It is nearly 25 years since his first experience as a jurymen in Wabaunsee county.

Court was held in the Kaufman building (our first court house), Judge Morton presided, and John Winkler kept the only hotel in town, but Uncle Henry Schmitz supplied the hungry with crackers and cheese, and as many of those in attendance at court brought along their provisions in baskets and slept in the hay-mow in Schmitz & Meyer's barn—to curtail expenses—such little inconveniences as a lack of accommodations were unworthy of mention. There were but three or four houses in Alma then and most of the jurors picketed their horses on the prairie within fifty yards of the court room.

A court incident of the term is worthy of mention here. Robert Marrs, of Dragoon creek, one of the jurors, had picketed his horse near

where Falk's marble works are now located. A case was on trial and Mr. Marrs was on the jury. Looking out of the window he saw a passing colporteur pick up his bridle and drive off with it.

Bob couldn't stand that, and, rising from his seat, he said, excitedly: "Judge will you excuse me a minute? A man out yonder is stealing my bridle." Of course Judge Morton stopped proceedings and Mr. Marrs lost no time in securing possession of his bridle, at the same time giving the thief a piece of his mind. Mr. McCrumb rode to court on the back of an Indian pony of the Pottawatomic breed and during his week's stay turned his pony into Schmitz & Meyer's hay lot on the Mueller corner.

The bill for the week's feed for the pony was twenty-five cents. Mr. McCrumb will retain many pleasant memories of the early days but not the least among them will be the recollection of his first jury service in the courts of Wabaunsee county.

A Reminiscence.

Thirty-one years ago was the time and the little frame school house in Alma—just south of the court house—was the place—where we attended our first examination for a teacher's certificate.

Mr. William F. Cotton was county superintendent, and Mr. John T. Keagy, a young attorney just out from Pennsylvania, was the only associate examiner.

Among the other applicants for a certificate was Mr. M. K. Anderson, of Rock creek, who, even then wasn't a young man. Mr. W. A. Doolittle, afterwards county attorney, was another applicant. His whiskers just as long as when we last saw him and the hair on his head some longer. Mr. Percival Hawes, the Alta Vista postmaster, was there, also, and he, too, had a flowing beard. Mr. Hawes, a few years later was elected clerk of the district court.

We believe there was but one lady applicant, Miss Sallie Pratt, now the wife of Mr. John Sudweeks, ex-representative, of Eskridge.

There were other applicants but their names we can't recall. Among the visiting teachers was Mr. J. M. Lingfelter, afterwards superintendent, then a teacher and resident of Wabaunsee.

The examination was oral and all received certificates. It was our first examination and our first experience in the school room was in District 27—the first term in the, then, new school house.

In those days the institute was unknown. But later on it came and with it, many new conditions that are commendable. Then, the teachers were to one another unknown. They are better acquainted now.

Besides being beneficial from an educational standpoint the institutes are profitable in other ways. The associations of a month are sometimes very pleasant, but, occasionally, they deprive our educational system of a teacher.

We know quite a number who have quit the business—conditions due mainly to the institute. But if they are happier as housekeepers than as teachers who can say them nay.

At the first annual institute the teachers boarded more in clubs than now. There were even then houses to rent. One—not a very large one however—was located on the lot belonging to Mrs. J. R. Fix, of Volland—on which the Henry Pauly house was moved.

By reason of its color the house was called the "Little Brown Jug." It was afterwards moved to the corner of Main and Missouri streets, and, later, farther north—adjoining the Pries store—the front being pulled out to save that, and the adjoining buildings, from burning.

Among the occupants of the "Little Brown Jug" at that first institute was a prominent young lady from Wabaunsee, who, several years after attended as a delegate to a temperance convention—further proof that there's nothing in a name.

But it is said that three years is the life of a teacher—in the school-room. That was ten times three years ago and a full grown young gentleman of Maple Hill now addresses that teacher of but yesterday as "Mama."

But, none the less, the days of Auld Lang Syne are recalled.

An Innocent Abroad.

He was not one of Mark Twain's creations—but a genuine specimen of the genus homo from the rural districts of Wabaunsee county.

We could tell his name, but for obvious reasons we will call him Smith—John Smith will do.

Well, in the month of January, 1892, John went down to Kansas City (that wicked town down at the mouth of the Kaw) on business, of course.

When John's business was transacted he hied himself to the Union depot, to take the train for home.

John's only companion was a black carpet sack, containing a well-worn suit of clothes, a pair of overshoes and a last year's almanac—not a very valuable collection—and for this reason, perhaps, John thought it unnecessary to pay ten cents at the check stand to insure the safety of the aforesaid carpet sack until the departure of his train.

John had but a few minutes to wait, but in that few minutes a stranger came in with an unsteady gait and a black carpet sack—the latter a perfect match to that containing John's ancient wardrobe.

The stranger sat down in the seat next to John and put his carpet sack alongside of the one John was patiently guarding.

John noticed the similarity of the two carpet sacks but he failed to notice the stranger's disappearance, and with him the black carpet sack that contained John's second best suit of clothes and the last year's almanac.

But before long John's train was called and not until then was he aware that the carpet sack he picked up was not his property.

His suit of clothes didn't weigh much and the last year's almanac wouldn't make the old carpet sack pull down like—

“Brickbats!”

Yes, John had been buncoed.

That innocent, swaggering stranger wasn't as drunk as he would have folks believe.

John had read all about just such tricks being played on country Jakes, and with all his cuteness he had been buncoed out of a suit of clothes—not a very valuable suit, but they were worth more than all the brickbats you could stuff in a dozen black carpet sacks.

But John had no idea of leaving the supposed brickbats without first having made a personal inspection of the inside of that carpet sack.

No sooner was the train under way than John was peering into that load of brickbats.

But the first thing his eyes rested on wasn't a brickbat—that is, it didn't look like one—on the outside. It seemed too long and it was round instead of square.

John unwound the paper wrapper—or rather the three or four paper wrappers, and on the inside was a bottle of John Spangler's gripe antidote.

Underneath this was another package just like the first, and a little farther down were two flat bottles, each labeled “Old Rye Whiskey, 1865.”

On the other side there was a variation in the program.

In the first bundle opened was a full suit of silk underwear and

besides a pair of kid gloves, two pairs of embroidered slippers, and—two half-gallon jugs—one of Jamaica rum and the other of Old Scotch whiskey."

Were it not for the fact that John is a staunch prohibitionist we would be tempted to pronounce his story a little bit fishy, but we guess it is straight goods, for John wears his good clothes every day in the week now, and every time we see him he gets up close—so we can smell his breath—and it's all O. K. There's no scent of coffee, cloves, or tangle-foot about it.

John says he's going to Kansas City again before long and they can bunco him again if they want to. He's strictly temperate, but he has a mortal fear of the grippe, and when so many folks are down with the blasted complaint it is mighty handy to have lots of preventive in the house—especially in a prohibition state, where, in case of sickness, such sovereign remedies can't be had for love nor money.

If you want corroborative proof of the above write to George Foster. The last we heard of him his post office address was Kansas City, Kansas. He was practicing law down there—but it seems to us he was taking desperate chances—of being buncoed some more.

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Some Jail Deliveries.

"Boys we are going out of here tonight." These were the words used by Thomas Babcock in the Alma jail on the night of June 3, 1890. The boys referred to were Ed. Gordon and Scott Holt, his two companions.

Babcock was a waiter on a Rock Island dining car before his arrest for stealing diamonds and jewelry to the amount of \$400 from Mrs. W. S. Johnson, a lady passenger on the west-bound train at McFarland. Holt was charged as an accomplice, and Ed. Gordon was in jail for hiring a team at Romick's barn, at Maple Hill, and driving in the wrong direction. His alleged destination was Ad. Thompson's, on Mission creek, but when next heard from he was in Carroll county, Arkansas, taking his best girl riding in Romick's buggy.

Sheriff Hull went to Arkansas and on March 23rd placed Gordon behind the bars in the Alma jail.

The "boys" thought Babcock was joking but when he inverted the jail lock—with a big key-hole in the lower end—and began pouring

in a charge of powder they concluded to repair to the rear cell for fear of accidents. After inserting a fuse and driving in a pine plug, Babcock wrapped a blanket about the lock to deaden the sound and—well, although Gordon had covered his head with the blankets, he said the explosion sounded like a cannon.

Babcock had verified his statement. The boys walked out and the jail was empty. But time hung heavily on their hands and they went fishing—at any rate the first report from the fugitives came from Nehring branch, up which stream they were leisurely sauntering with fish-poles over their shoulders and one of them carrying a bait can—filled with the remains of their last supper—in the Alma jail.

The trio stayed at Jacob Schreiber's that night and the next morning hired Millard Blankenship to drive them to Carbondale, but Millard, at their request, set the three men out on the prairie two miles southwest of Auburn.

Sheriff Hull was in Eskridge but he immediately offered a reward of fifty dollars each for the arrest of the escaped prisoners, and with half a dozen assistants was soon hot on the trail. All stations between Burlingame and Topeka were watched and nothing being seen of the fugitives the country east of Carbondale was scoured. News that the fugitives were seen traveling east was learned at the first house, prompting a close watch of the Missouri Pacific and Carbondale roads. Nothing resulting it was at once concluded that the blind man—Gordon—was piloting the diamond merchants—Babcock and Holt—overland to Lawrence.

At Lincoln—a small post office, ten miles east of Carbondale, it was learned that a man wearing goggles was taking a rest at a house thirty feet from the roadside. A few minutes later Gordon was comfortably seated in the buggy between Sheriff Hull and the writer.

Then it was a red-hot race for Lawrence—it now being evident that point was the goal Holt and Babcock hoped to reach. The race was a hot one in a double sense. The sweat dripped from the horses' sides as they sped on their way. But soon it was learned that a man driving a sewing machine wagon was inquiring for the same parties and was not far behind the prisoners.

Sheriff Hull, feeling that the capture of the jail birds was assured, gave the team a much needed rest and a light feed of grain—after which the race was resumed. Lawrence was soon reached and when Sheriff Hull drove up to the jail, a familiar rig was hitched to a post. On the tail-board of the machine wagon was the name: "Will Pippert, Alma, Kansas."

Will had overtaken the prisoners riding on a load of wood. As his team was nearly run down he drove leisurely behind the wood wagon for two miles and then startled Holt and Babcock by saying: "Boys,

you had better ride with me awhile," emphasizing his request by pointing a shotgun in the direction of the wood wagon. They had no other thought than that Will was returning from a trip in the country after delivering a sewing machine. Had they got sight of that sign on the rear end of his spring wagon things might have been different.

Just three and a half days after the explosion in the Alma jail Sheriff Hull again turned the key on the three jail birds, but he was out just one hundred dollars reward money.

But Gordon's thoughts were with the girl he left behind him—after that buggy ride down in Arkansas. He longed for the invigorating atmosphere of the Ozarks. Sheriff Hull thought the trip would be bad for Gordon's eyes but one Sunday (Aug. 18th) he would let him and Babcock exercise in the hallway of the court house while he and Scott Holt—who was about sick with malaria—would enjoy the cool breeze on the front door steps.

Noting the absence of Gordon the sheriff was informed by Babcock that he had stepped out of the back door. Hustling the two prisoners into the jail as quickly as possible Sheriff Hull made strict but unavailing search for the runaway.

Cards were sent out but not until Wednesday was the first clue obtained. Frank Blanc brought word that Gordon had stopped Tuesday night at Philip Bach's, leaving at 4 o'clock Wednesday evening. The reward of \$100 offered by Sheriff Hull induced a half dozen parties to join in the pursuit, but, Gordon, by his zigzag course and playing the farmer racket—building fence, etc.—gave the boys a merry chase till Thursday night, when he was captured at Council Grove. Friday afternoon Sheriff Hull again turned the key on the slickest prisoner ever landed in the Alma jail.

The latter statement could be corroborated by two well-known citizens of Alma, who had joined in the search. Seeing a man walking along the road they concluded that hundred dollars was as good as theirs, but when he passed under the wire fence and began building fence they concluded he was a genuine granger and owner of the farm. Asking him the way to Council Grove, his ready answer seemed proof positive that he wasn't the man they were looking for.

On making inquiry at the next house for Gordon they were asked if they hadn't seen him a short distance down the road. On driving back the bird had flown—but not far away—Gordon was lying in a washout just across the road—waiting for his pursuers to tie their team and continue their search afoot. If Gordon couldn't take his best girl buggy riding he would take an airing on his own account. He was tired of walking.

At the close of the October term of court Gordon took a ride—to Lansing.

Bitten by a Tarantula.

In the fall of 1891, some Alma boys went down into Oklahoma, and on their return had a good deal to say about the fine climate, the rich soil, and the flocks of wild turkeys in that country, but one of their number was mum about his narrow escape from the bite of a tarantula. The boys had lain awake until a late hour regaling our tenderfoot with stories of huge rattlers, centipedes and tarantulas, and when the occupants of the tent were aroused a few hours later by a series of blood curdling yells, they were prepared for the worst. Tenderfoot had been bitten by a sure-enough tarantula. A light was struck and there were two plainly visible marks on the calf of the leg, where the monster spider had inserted his fangs. The remedies at hand were few, but the boys did their best to save the life of their comrade. They bound salt on the wound and poured about a pint (all they had) of axle grease down the throat of the suffering victim. Then the patient was dosed with wahoo bark, the bitterest decoction a man ever swallowed, but the boys had a desperate case on their hands and a successful termination could be hoped for only by resorting to heroic measures.

The patient was awful sick—from the effects of the axle grease and the wahoo but he got over it and on his return—with his comrades—to Alma there were no visible evidences of the terrible ordeal through which he had passed while down in Oklahoma. But no sooner had he arrived in Alma than he availed himself of the opportunity to interview one of our attorneys—to see if he couldn't make a state case against the boys for the trick they had played upon him. The boys had stuck a couple of pins an inch or so into his leg, and the joke being too good to keep, they had given the whole thing away. When George Tenderfoot came to town he invariably brought his shotgun along, giving it out that he was hunting prairie chickens, but the Oklahoma crowd had important business elsewhere until the victim of their joke got out of town.

Doctor Syntax is a permanent resident of Oklahoma now—in fact has lived there several years, but he has never yet been called on to administer another dose of axle grease to save a patient from death from the bite of a tarantula.

The Lesson of Sam.

Sam wasn't what some people deem fit to call a "calamity howler" but one of the boys who had heard every day of the prosperous condition of our people.

But somehow Sam didn't share in that condition of prosperity to any great extent. So it was quite natural that he should swipe some of the good things around him.

For instance, one of his neighbors possessed a turkey that was fair to look upon. This particular turkey was of the feminine gender, and she looked forward to the time when the eggs on which she was setting should be transformed into a brood of rambling turkeys.

But Sam had an eye on the eggs, and their peculiar speckled appearance created a desire within his breast to own the whole bakery. In this case the thought was father to the wish and Sam lost no time in carrying out that wish—and the eggs went along for company.

But the eggs looked lonesome. Sam had heard the song—"What is home without a mother?" and he thought of the motherless turkeys that he would have on his hands in case the eggs should hatch without the assistance of Mrs. Turkey.

Now, Sam is of a sympathetic turn and the thoughts of the trials and hardships of a dozen orphan turkeys prompted him to look out for a mother to the prospective waifs.

It struck him that his taking the eggs had thrown the old turkey out of a job, and, probably, this prompted him to give the turkey that laid the eggs the preference in letting the job out.

At any rate the turkey went the same route taken by the eggs, and that is what got Sam into trouble.

So Sam was allowed to rest in the Alma jail to ponder over the penalties attendant upon ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, wondering whether the reform movement had anything in store for him, or mayhap, he was thinking of the effect the McKinley bill would have on unhatched turkey eggs.

Item in Signal, April 26, 1890: One day last week, as a man on a tricycle, accompanied by a jug of snake bite antidote was going towards Manhattan he met a freight train going in the opposite direction at the rate of 35 miles an hour. As there was not room on the track for both—the train and the tricycle—there was a collision. When the lone passenger saw that something must happen he grasped the treasure most dear to his heart—the jug, and, shutting his eyes, was just preparing for a jump, when the locomotive struck the bow of his craft. Instead of landing on terra firma, as he intended, he found himself sprawling on the cow-catcher, with his head jammed against the boiler—but the jug was all right. The tricycle was thrown on top of the bank. When the train men went forward to pick up the pieces, they found the jug's contents in good condition, and the man, save a few contusions on the head, able to take a rational view of the situation. After a mournful glance over the remains of his tricycle, he said: "Boys, that was a narrow escape, let's take a drink."

Years ago Wabaunsee county had an oil excitement. The party responsible for it had a few weeks before unearthed a bonanza in the way of an ochre bed that had failed to meet the expectations of the finder. But the prospect for oil was more flattering. In this case the oil was to be seen floating on the surface of a spring from which the water supply for the family was wont to be taken. But the oil floating on the surface imparted such a disagreeable flavor to the water that it was no longer fit for drinking purposes. An old oil expert was called in and when he stated that the offensive odor was a peculiar property of coal oil in its crude state the property owner was more than ever convinced that he had a bonanza on his premises. But further investigation by the expert disclosed the source of the offensive oil. It came from a point not far above the spring, where lay the decaying carcass of a skunk. And thus was blighted the fond hopes of one who proved to be the innocent victim of Wabaunsee county's first oil excitement.

But another oil excitement brought better results. It came to the people of Alma—in a well, this time. The water tasted so strong of coal oil that nobody could drink it. The suggestion that some joker had poured oil into the newly dug well was unheeded. One wiseacre said there was more oil in that well than in all the houses and stores in town. The news spread far and wide. A company was formed and a hole was bored 600 feet deep. But instead of coal oil, salt was found. Then came the Alma salt works with an output of thirty barrels of prime salt a day—an industry that might have proven a very large infant—and it all grew out of that pint of coal oil, that, in a joke, Mr. Fred Link poured into the well he was digging for Mr. John Winkler.

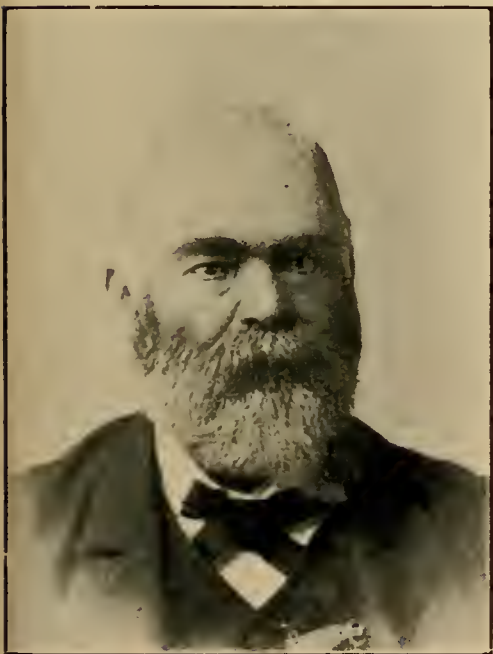
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Former County Attorney, and Surveyor.



MR. B. BUCHLI (dec'd), Alma.
Former County Surveyor.

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MR. T. J. PERRY, Alma.
County Superintendent of Schools.



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County Clerk.



MR. JOS. LA FONTAINE, Alma.
County Treasurer.

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MR. FRED FREY, Sheriff, Alma.



MR. FRANK SCHMIDT, Under Sheriff, Alma.



MR. FRANK WIEDEMANN, Deputy Sheriff, Alma.

MR. FRANK CLAYTON, Deputy Sheriff, Alma.

FRED AND THE THREE FRANKS.

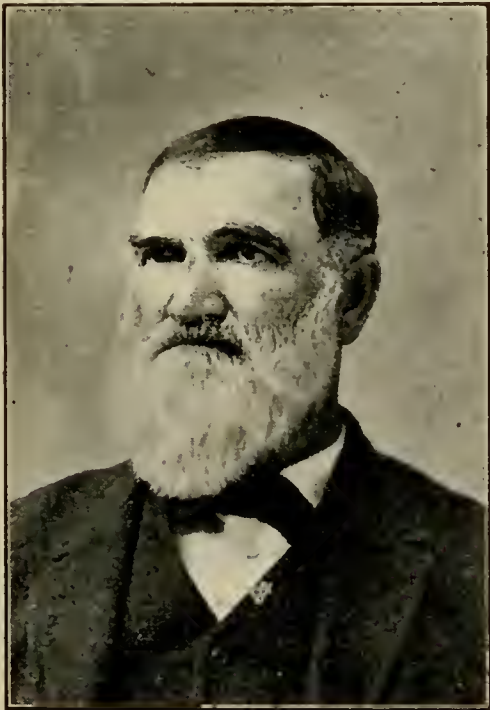
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Alma.



MR. FRED. A. SEAMAN,
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MR. WILLIAM DREBING (deceased),
Halifax.



MR. MICHAEL HUND (deceased),
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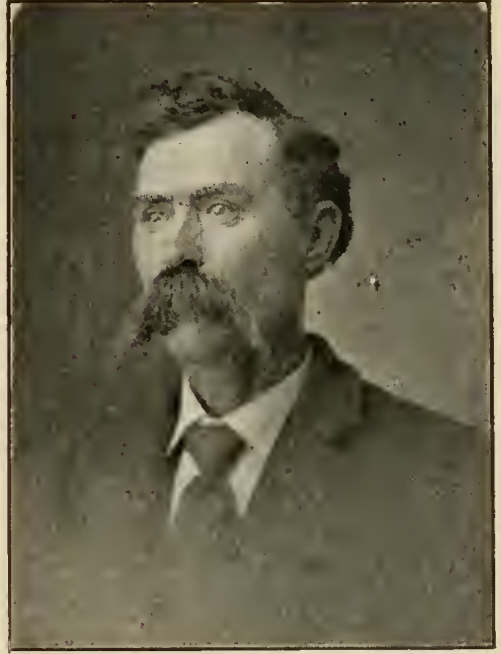


MR. ROSS McCORMICK, Alma.

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MR. ED. CAMPBELL, Eskridge.



MR. A. T. TAYLOR, Eskridge.



MR. C. C. GARDINER, Bradford.



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MR. AND MRS. GEO. S. CONNELL,
Paxico.



MR. AND MRS. CHAS. BURGETT,
Eskridge.



MR. JOHN A. HANKAMMER (dec'd),
Farmer Township.



MR. ADAM KRATZER (dec'd),
Hendricks Creek.

A Just Tribute to the Germans.

Signal, Jan. 2, 1892: Our German residents, who are engaged in the business of farming, are proverbially thrifty and successful. We were led to reflect upon the reason for this recently when going through a comparatively new region that had been lately settled by them. The fields, to be sure, were clean and well cultivated, but not so strikingly different from others in this respect as to care for special comment; but every farm possessed a good barn. The houses were small, and cheap, as a rule, and no more money had been expended on them than was required to make them serve the stern necessities of life, but the barns were large and substantial, and, what is more, they were utilized. The crops were housed in them, and not left exposed in the fields. There was room for all the stock, so that it could be kept clean and comfortable. We presume these barns had been built only by the most stringent self-denial. Perhaps money had been borrowed and the farm mortgaged to do it. If so, it was the part of wisdom for it is just as true that a good barn will earn double the interest on the cost each year as it is true that a poor farm will make a poor farmer.—Extract from an Exchange.

The above will apply to the situation in Wabaunsee county as well as anywhere. The foundation for the thrift that is characteristic of our German residents lies in the fact that their live stock—the greatest source of income are well cared for and comfortably housed. They are not of that class of farmers who sell off their corn in the fall and the hides of their cattle in the spring. Though the above was written years ago no more fitting tribute could today be paid our thrifty German farmers, who have done more than their share to transform bleak prairies into comfortable homes no longer typified by the squalid structure of pioneer days. Thrift, born of frugality, is evidenced in the substantial stone residence or frame mansion, that compared with the former homes of our people, are palatial in appearance, to say nothing of their comfortable surroundings.

The following extract from the Kansas City Star, published in the Signal a few weeks subsequent to the above is a deserved tribute to our German fellow citizens that we feel constrained to insert here. "In a hasty estimate of the German character as developed in this country

it may be said that its leading traits are honesty, truthfulness, thrift and devotion to home and family. The German, whether as an employe, in business for himself, or in the pursuit of a profession or science, is a steadfast worker. He aims always at a competence, but he never seeks it through devious methods. He saves his money, but he does not cheat himself or his family to do so. His home is always as good a one as his means afford without extravagance. His family is contented and happy because he shares with his wife and children the fruits of his labor. He has a high idea of principle and is earnest and enthusiastic in his advocacy of what he believes to be right. He is a good citizen, is deferential to the law, tenacious of his own rights, but tolerant of the rights of others, and seeks all the honest comforts which are to be found in life for himself, his family, and his friends.

How the Old Pioneer Lived.

Prompted either by verdancy, or a proneness to ask questions, inquiries are often made as to the numerous expedients resorted to by the old pioneers that the wolf, hunger, might be kept at bay.

The people living today in Wabaunsee county capable of giving to the questions asked answers based on personal observation and experience are few in number, and these are fast passing away.

If we would inform ourselves from first hands the time is opportune and the occasion pressing.

Though reluctant to review the hardships of the early days there are those among us who could relate incidents that would impart a Munchausen flavor to the recital and yet be as worthy of credence as gospel truths.

And yet these seeming hardships were not without their compensations. But a little reflection suggests the doubt as to the existence of any greater hardships in the experience of the old pioneers than have characterized the lives of those who may look upon their own period of existence as golden in comparison. If the viands were few the appetite was good and digestion was never impaired by partaking of a multiplicity of dishes, some of the ingredients of which wouldn't pass muster before a board delegated to examine into their hygienic value.

Modern methods and scientific research have but evolved such breakfast delicacies as toasted wheat flake from that which the

pioneer housewife still regards as far superior—mush and milk—often with the milk wanting. The modern epicure is over ready to extol the merits of the Mexican tortilla but is oblivious to the toothsome-ness of a dish of parched corn—and yet it is simply a case of “before” and “after” taking. One is rendered edible before grinding, and the other, after being ground in a Mexican hand mill. But our fore-mothers used a coffee grinder and never dreamed that the product wasn’t palatable and wholesome till their grandchildren began to enumerate the hardships endured by the old settlers.

These same granddames never dreamed that it was a hardship to wear old clothes, when—there were no callers, or, if so, all met on a common level—the one being no better apparelled than the other. But those who would withhold their approval of the early-day diet of pumpkins and bread might well bear in mind the fact that sometimes there was a variation in the bill of fare—often the bread was lacking. If there was a dearth of cream to render the dish of pump-kin more palatable there was no gormandizing, and, perforce, no dyspeptics—hence no doctors needed, and the services of no under-taker in demand.

While enumerating the hardships that fell to the lot of the old pioneers don’t forget the absence of purse proud capitalists with mortgages to foreclose, hence from the sheriff or constable there were no unwelcome calls, or, in fact, calls from officials—would be—or other-wise—except those of biennial recurrence characterized by a periodical and newly excited interest in the health of the youngest baby, or the outlook for crops, and—votes—and the latter, merely incidental.

The old pioneer will tell you truly that there were no hardships in the early days that would embitter the cup of happiness as do the trials of today. If there was isolation, there was, also, contentment. If of luxuries there was a dearth, no canker of debt-worm followed in the wake of the few that were the more heartily enjoyed by reason of that scarcity.

The pioneer’s strong arm and earnest endeavor laid the foundation upon which was builded the happy home—where, in later years, sur-rounded by those held above all things else most dear, he laid himself down to rest. When the last of his kind shall have been gathered to his fathers may the living be ever mindful that he left no legacy that he would not have them enjoy to the full. In their behalf he labored. For them he passed through the many trying ordeals that lay in his pathway.

That our own journey through life might be all the more enjoyable the old pioneer endured every hardship without a murmur. He obeyed uncomplainingly the Biblical injunction to earn his daily bread

by the sweat of his brow and found enjoyment therein. Let us emulate his example; do homage to his memory, and endeavor to enjoy with him his reward in that home beyond the Grave.

Our Resources and Prospects.

Of resources we have:

810 square miles of territory.

A desirable climate and a soil of unsurpassed fertility.

Well tilled farms and an industrious, energetic people.

A plentiful supply of good water, excellent natural roads and unlimited facilities in the line of building material.

Good health for all and ample wealth as a certain reward for the frugal and progressive people of every class who choose to cast their lot with us.

As to our prospects:

Possessing many natural advantages and having but few drawbacks Wabaunsee county stands second to none as a desirable location for the homeseeker. While fortunes are not made in a day with us there is in store for the honest, industrious and deserving a life of happiness, contentment and prosperity.

We enter here no appeal for an influx of population. We speak in the interest of no land agent or syndicate. Our duty is simply that of a recorder of facts relating to the past and the present. We are willing that the future shall take care of itself, believing as we do that we have a future and such a one as can but be based on a solid foundation.

The foundation is already laid. The brawn and muscle of pioneers of 35 and 40 years ago begun the work that has been so creditably carried forward by their successors. There is no lack of material for the completion of the structure and we have no fear as to the handiwork of the builders of the future.

Our natural resources are unsurpassed, and our acquired facilities are unexcelled. We need but to continue what has already begun.

Right here we are reminded of a remark handed down by one of our best informed German citizens of years ago. He went down at Platte Bridge but his words still live.

In his broken English the Sebastian Nehring of years ago said: "This is a good country—much better in many respects than the Fatherland. The vine-clad hills of the old country are not so rich as

the rocky hills of Wabaunsee county. Children now living will one day see these hills covered with the vine and great clusters of the grape will hang pendant on the hills that are now bare."

And Sebastian Nehring believed in that which will ere long come true. The development of our resources may be less rapid than he thought but it will come. Look back ten years and see how marked the change. Another decade farther back and yet more marked may be seen the changes time has wrought. Ten years again and we are lost. No school houses, and churches, none. The deer and the antelope are seen on our hills and the buffalo is not far away. And the Indian, though not hostile, his presence is a suggestion of danger that is not all a myth.

Forty years ago the log cabin was the rule and teams of oxen furnished the only means of travel and freight transportation.

From necessity the ways of the people were primitive; from necessity they were compelled to resort to expedients that were not any the more agreeable for the reason that their adoption was not a matter of choice.

But that adversity that marked the beginning has served to render the homes of our people doubly dear to those with whose lives that adversity is entwined.

The dark hours of the past are illumined by the brightness of future promise. Now and then there may be a halt. Short crops may in the future as in the past cause anxious forebodings, but the dark clouds will disappear and the failing heart will be imbued with new life by the silver lining that lay hidden beyond.

With the past we have successfully battled. That a bright future is in store for us we may rest assured.

January 4th being Saturday. Mr. Oliver Smith, teaching in the Thoes district concluded to go to Alma and as it was very cold he thought it would be a good time to break in his new skates. Being asked as to the thickness of the ice, he said he found one place where it was about a quarter of an inch thick, but from the temperature of the water below the prospect for four foot ice was good. As he didn't break through any place where the ice was thick he could give no information that would be of value to a man going into the ice business. The point where he broke through was two miles from town and the weather being of the zero variety, his clothes were immediately frozen stiff, but he said he wasn't a bit cold till he got to the fire and the water began dripping from his wearing apparel.

A Cheyenne Raid.

*June 3, 1868, 400 Cheyennes with their war paint on came swooping down on Council Grove. There was a big scare but the Cheyennes were after the Kaws instead of the whites. A short time before a Kaw Indian was herding the ponies belonging to the tribe when 8 Cheyennes put in their appearance and after killing the lone Indian drove off the ponies he was herding.

The Cheyennes then attempted to drive the ponies by a circuitous route into their camp, but the Kaws had witnessed the killing from the top of a hill and collecting a number of their warriors they killed 7 of the 8 Cheyennes and captured 40 ponies besides retaking their own herd.

The Cheyennes wanted 7 Kaw scalps and 40 ponies but after skirmishing awhile among the hills about the Grove they left postponing the settlement of the scalp account to some future time.

The same year the Cheyennes raided the farms in Marion county, driving off some stock but killing none of the settlers. But by reason of their presence many families slept for weeks in the corn fields, fearing that during the night their houses would be burned to the ground.

Signal, March 19, 1892: A few years ago a bright young fellow was working as a farm hand for Uncle Henry Schmitz. But his aspirations were in another direction. He attended the Agricultural college at Manhattan and afterwards entered the ministry. Among the appointments made at the M. E. Conference we notice that of Rev. Dan. Brummitt, Maple Hill. Rev. Brummitt and the young farm hand are one and the same, and our knowledge of the young fellow induces the belief on our part that the people of Maple Hill will have no cause to regret his coming among them by reason of his having followed the

*One of our youngest county officers, Mr. D. U. Millison, distinctly remembers this raid. His parents resided in Council Grove at the time, and though but a boy of six years he remembers being crowded into a place of safety with the other children and their mothers till the scare was over.

plow. Roger Sherman was a cobbler and yet a few years later he was an honored representative of the people at the National capital; the poet, Whittier, was a farmer's boy, and nothing grieved him so much on leaving the old homestead as the parting from a pair of favorite oxen of his own raising; Henry Clay was a farmer's boy and with his rope bridle and sack of corn was known as the "Mill boy of the Slashes;" Daniel Webster was another farmer's boy, who received his education from the proceeds of a mortgage on the home that sheltered his aged parents, but in after years when he electrified the nation with his eloquence, no one honored him the less by reason of his former humble avocation.

"Wooh!"

It was a terrible night in the winter of '61. The winds howled without and the fine particles of snow sifted through the clap-board roof of the Michael Fix home on West branch. The war was going on and Robert was away in the army—having enlisted in an Indiana regiment, while one of the brothers was with Kit Carson, in New Mexico.

In the Fix home there was but one room below and a half story above, but the one room was 14x22—a big house in those days. There was a stove at one end and a huge fireplace at the other. In cold weather it was the custom to replenish the fire one or more times during the night and when Mother Fix awoke the smoldering embers and the chilly atmosphere suggested to her that the duty of rebuilding the fire had been too long delayed.

There was a pile of wood in the corner nearby and she would get up and throw on a few sticks. Michael was sound asleep and it would be cruel to wake him. But when that piercing "Wooh!" broke the stillness of the night Michael's snoring ceased and he sat bolt upright in bed, asking in a tone of anxiety: "What's the matter?"

But the faint, flickering light from the burning embers told the story. Prone on the floor lay a score of Indians—of all ages and both sexes. On one of these the feet of Mrs. Fix had rested in getting up to rebuild the fire. But a familiar voice answered Mr. Fix's question. "No hurtee. Indians cold. Heap storm outside."

A band of twenty Pottawatomies had been camped down by the creek (where the mill was built in 1872) and the storm of wind and

snow had driven them out of their hastily constructed wigwams. Many cold nights before they had enjoyed a good nap, wrapped in their blankets before the huge fireplace in the Fix cabin and when the storm burst upon them they didn't wait for an invitation to call again—even at an unseemly hour. There was no lock on the door and the latch-string was out—why awaken their pale-face friends from their slumber?

Thus the Indians had reasoned. They had for years looked upon the old mill-site almost as their own. With each returning winter came the same band of Indians, always camping near the spot where the mill stood later on.

The Indians had many times eaten a hearty meal in the Fix home, but they were not beggars, by any means. Many a saddle of venison had been brought to the Fix cabin to partly compensate their friends for the many kindnesses shown.

In the hills on West branch there were many deer in those days and Mr. Fix was the owner of one of the best rifles in the country—that the visiting Indians never failed to borrow on their annual return to their favorite hunting grounds. In the breech of the rifle was a compass—that greatly enhanced its value in the eyes of the Indian hunters and sometimes when the Pottawatomies would go on a raid in the Pawnee country for ponies, or on a buffalo hunt, the gun-hooks in the Fix home would be unused for months in succession. But the gun was always returned—and with it a goodly supply of buffalo meat for the owner.

That band of Pottawatomies long ago encamped for the last time on the old mill-site but the incident of that stormy night in the winter of 1861 will long be remembered by the Fix family—the time when Grosmitter said—"Wooh!"

No history of Wabaunsee county written and published at this time would be complete without mention of the fact that the researches and explorations of the eminent explorer and archaeologist, J. V. Brower, now definitely locates the province of Quivira, which Coronado with his thirty horsemen explored in 1541 between Walnut creek village site in Barton county and the village sites on Deep creek and at the heads of the West branch of Mill creek in Riley and Wabaunsee counties. Mr. Brower has published two works, "Quivira" and "Harahey" in which the earliest history of part of Wabaunsee county has been written, and has placed in the Minnesota Historical Society Museum such conclusive evidence from an archaeologic and historical view that his conclusions are likely to be accepted by the Scientific World.

No Iron Horse, Then.

But there were meals at all hours, nevertheless. At least, so it seemed, to Mr. S. H. Fairfield in 1860—the first night he ever slept on the present site of McFarland. He was the guest of Old She-Kah-Za, a big chief of the Pottawatomies.

The old chief made him a comfortable bed of mats and soft-tanned buffalo robes served as covering. But Mr. Fairfield's sleep wasn't as sound as it might have been. Plumed warriors in their war paint and feathers were passing all night and She-Kah-Za, being one of the head councilmen of the Pottawatomies, had a right to know the outcome of their raid against their old-time enemies—the Pawnees—from which the war parties were just returning.

If the number of extra ponies they had brought back and the general good feeling that prevailed were indications of that success attendant on the expedition then no further evidence was wanting. The old chief would get up and smoke with every party that called and in every case, refreshments, consisting of jerked buffalo meat, dried venison and boiled pumpkin were set before the nocturnal visitors.

With much gesticulation the warriors would relate the stirring events that transpired while raiding the Pawnee villages, and the newly kindled fire in the old chief's eyes plainly indicated that old-time reminiscences were recalled and that, in spirit at least, he was fighting over again the battles wherein the tomahawk and scalping knife played a prominent part.

Although Old She-Kah-Za lived in a bark wigwam he was well fixed and one of the most influential members of the Pottawatomie nation. But the old warrior was long ago laid to rest, and though miraculous were the many changes time had wrought in his eventful career he never dreamed that in less than half a century the shrill neigh of the iron horse would be heard where the tom-tom had so often called together the warriors of his tribe.

The thousands of travelers who daily pass through on the Rock Island could hardly be convinced that less than half a century ago the bark wigwam of an Indian chief was the most conspicuous object, and the most frequented resort, of all the country around about the present city of McFarland.

Odds and Ends.

Dr. E. B. Allen, who was afterwards secretary of state once lived at Wabaunsee. He bought school land at \$3.00 an acre on long time, and planted the grove on the Jos. LaFontaine place. Like his neighbors he was poor in everything but hope and future prospects. He used a box for a table, tin plates for dishes, and three legged stools served the purpose of chairs. But Miss Mary Garrison, who taught the first term of school in Dist. No. 5, in 1860, took pity on his lonely condition and shared with him his log cabin home at Wabaunsee. They afterwards moved to Wichita, where fortune and official honors smiled on one of our old citizens of pioneer days.

Old residents of Wabaunsee township have a vivid recollection of one of their number, who, in 1859, took all his belongings and with his estimable wife, journeyed to Pike's Peak in a wagon drawn by oxen. But the wagon was a neighbor's, who went with him to share his fortunes in the placer diggings of California Gulch. A fork of a tree with standards fitted into two-inch augur holes answered the purpose of a wagon. This would glide over the prairie grass as smoothly as a sled over the snow—a fact that could be attested to by many of the old settlers, no better fixed, financially, than the man who afterwards went to the U. S. Senate from Colorado. Mount Tabor was named for the man who selected his claim near the base of that old land mark. His old time friends regret their former neighbor's action in casting aside the wife of former years—whose bounty his straightened circumstances compelled him to accept later on, but the incident is valuable to those who might otherwise envy the lot of one to whom fickle fortune proved a delusion and a snare. The lesson of the old pioneer's life serves a good purpose—teaching those who may be envious of others holding official place, or, seemingly more fortunate financially, that a senatorial toga or the possession of riches, isn't an essential element in insuring one of the most desirable of earthly conditions—that of unalloyed happiness. Though that grub-stake may

have brought millions to the owner of that little store in the mountains of Colorado the poor miner left with but a pittance to send home to wife and family saw more of true happiness in a day than was enjoyed by Senator Tabor in a life time—an excellent argument to induce the wayward boys to “stick to the farm.”

In 1858, Mr. Robert Fix followed the example of many of his neighbors by going on a buffalo hunt. He found plenty of buffalo on the Smoky Hill, twenty miles west of Salina. The pioneers may have seen hard times but there are scores of boys living in Wabaunsee county today who would risk being scalped by the Indians for the privilege of going on a buffalo hunt. But in those days there were some drawbacks for those who were absent for several weeks that the larder might be replenished. The married man of the hunting party couldn't call up the young wife by telephone and ask: “How is the baby.” And the young men of today with the bare suspicion of a mustache shading the upper lip might have enjoyed the trip, but to be completely cut off from all communication with the girl he left behind him might have altered the case. Then, there was the danger of his esteemed rival's taking advantage of the situation during his three weeks absence. These are the fellows, who, today, more than others realize the fact that the hard times said to have been experienced by the old settlers were not all a myth.

The value of the work of our local photographers as an auxiliary factor in presenting our readers and those who will come after us with true and life like representations of scenes and faces cannot be over-estimated. But the photographer of the present can well afford to divide the honors with the traveling artist of the past. With unbounded delight do we scan the lineaments of those most dear to us—made possible by the old time photographers advent among us even in advance of other civilizing influences. While crossing the plains in 1862 we distinctly remember that at the crossing of the Little Arkansas, on the Old Santa Fe Trail, one of these traveling artists was encamped—going where, it is hard to tell, but maybe he knew. Besides being of an adventurous spirit he was accomodating as well. With what patience did he upset the contents of box after box in his search for—well, it doesn't matter. Suffice it to say that when we returned to our camp we were well satisfied with our trip. That was forty years ago next July and we have often wondered where on earth that clever old man was going with his tripod and camera, and what

he was doing away out there on the Little Arkansas. But it doesn't seem so far away now. Maybe he was taking sketches of the immense herds of buffalo that were never out of sight in the sixties, or of the bands of Indians, whose presence wasn't always agreeable to the men and boys who always enjoyed life on the plains better when the redskins were out of sight. It was a case wherein distance lent enchantment to the view.

Coronado's Expedition.

Although Wabaunsee county doesn't claim the honor of being directly on the line of march taken by the adventurous Spaniard, but, undoubtedly, hunting parties belonging to the expedition in search of game traversed the fertile valleys of Mill Creek.

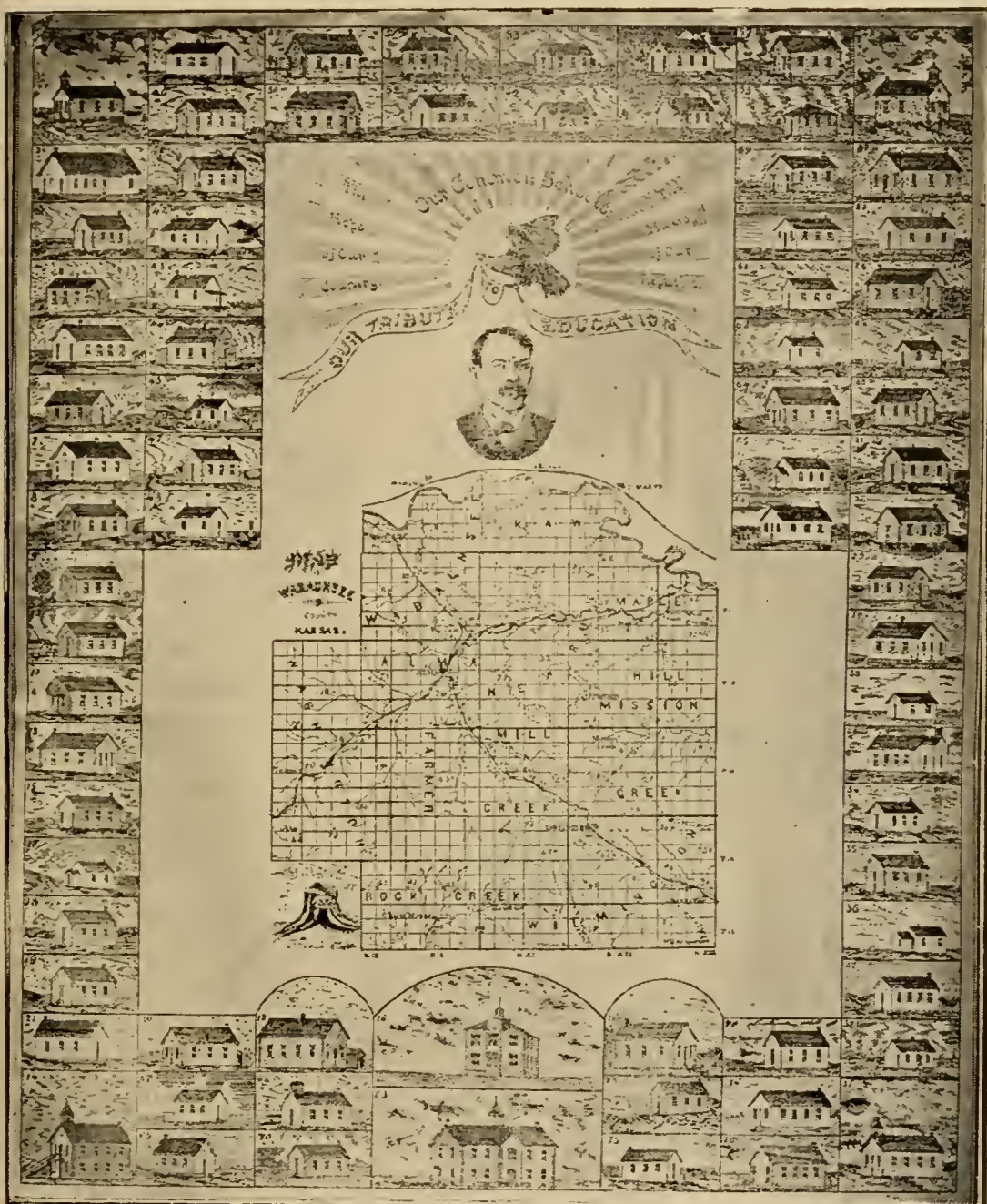
The route of the expedition lay through the counties of Barber, Kingman, Reno, Harvey, McPherson, Marion, Dickinson, Davis, Riley, Pottawatomie, Nemaha, and Atchison, to the Missouri river, thence down the Missouri to the mouth of the Kaw, thence westerly on the northern bank to the North fork of the Smoky Hill, up the Smoky Hill to Big Creek, and thence South to the Arkansas.

It is just 362 years since Coronado with 300 Spaniards and 800 natives started from a point in the Northern part of Mexico to find the famed seven cities of Cibola.

After traveling 700 miles in a north-east direction from the Rio Grande they arrived at the Arkansas. Their supply of provisions running short, the main army, commanded by a subordinate officer returned to the Rio Grande, while Coronado with 30 horsemen and 6 foot-soldiers marched further on.

When a half million dollars had been expended the Indian guide confessed, at the cost of his life, that the fabulous stories told of the wealth of the great country of Quivira were conceived in order to lure the Spaniards to destruction, that their people might live in the enjoyment of life and happiness in their homes in the Land of the Aztec.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



OUR COUNTY AND SCHOOLS, 1886.

Our Schools.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION.

District 1 was formed October 4, 1859; comprised the whole of Wabaunsee township. First board of directors; Joshua Smith, Geo. A. Dibble and Enoch Platt. Formed by J. E. Platt, county superintendent.

District 2 was formed October 15, 1859, with the following board of directors: S. A. Baldwin, W. F. Cotton and Joshua Smith—the latter resigning in district 1 on account of change of boundaries. L. A. Parker was appointed to fill the vacancy in district 1. Formed by J. E. Platt, county superintendent.

District 3 was formed February 17, 1862, with A. C. Tucker, A. W. Gregory and T. D. Rose, directors. J. H. Gould, county superintendent. First meeting March 4 at Volney Love's.

NOTE. Prior to August 19, 1862, school districts were numbered by townships. On that date the districts were renumbered as follows: District 1 was district 1, Wabaunsee township; district 2 was district 2, Wabaunsee township; district 3 was district 3, Wabaunsee township; district 4 was district 1, Mission Creek township; district 5 was district 2, Mission Creek township; district 6 was district 1, Zeandale township; district 7 was district 2, Zeandale township; district 8 was districts 1 and 2, Alma township; district 9 was district 3, Alma township; district 10 was in Alma township; district 11 was district 1, Wilmington township; district 12 was district 2, Wilmington township; district 13 was district 1, Elm Creek; district 14 was in Alma township; district 15 was in Mission Creek (Dover) township.

District 4 was organized by J. E. Platt, county superintendent. S. E. Beach was elected clerk and D. M. Johnston treasurer. (No director named in record.)

District 5, organized March, 1860, with S. E. Beach, W. K. Beach and H. J. Loomis, as directors; J. H. Gould, county superintendent.

District 6 was district 15 (the original No. 6 being in Zeandale township). The number was changed to 6 in 1871. S. F. Ross, Anson

Eddy and Orson Frizzle first district board. J. H. Gould was county superintendent.

District 7 was organized March 7, 1874. (The original No. 7 was detached with Zeandale township.) The first meeting was held at the house of John Shaw, March 26. W. S. McCormick was county superintendent.

District 8 was formed by uniting Nos. 1 and 2, Alma township. Number changed August 19, 1862. No. 1 was formed November 9, 1860; C. Zwanziger, clerk, and Franz Schmidt, treasurer; J. H. Gould, county superintendent.

District 2 was formed November 14, 1860, with John Spieker, director, Anton Schewe, clerk, and Wm. Drebing, treasurer; J. H. Gould, county superintendent.

District 9 (No. 3, Alma township) was formed April 23, 1862; J. H. Gould, county superintendent. Edward Hoffman was director, Henry Volland, treasurer, and E. L. Lewis, clerk.

District 10 was formed in 1862 by J. H. Gould, county superintendent. First officers: Rudolph Arndt, director, Chas. Lehmberg, clerk; Karl Kopke, treasurer.

District 11 was formed June 11, 1861. (This was district 1, of Wilmington township.) H. S. Faunce, director, H. D. Shepard, clerk, and Samuel Cripps, treasurer; J. H. Gould, county superintendent.

District 12 was formed by J. H. Gould, county superintendent, September 4, 1861. John Garringer was director, Isaiah Harris, clerk and James E. Johnson, treasurer.

District 13 (No. 1, Elm Creek), organized by J. H. Gould, county superintendent, February 3, 1862; Wm. Eldred, director, P. A. Green, clerk, and Uriah Sanner, treasurer.

District 14, organized November 8, 1862, by J. H. Gould, county superintendent; Joseph True, director, John Hess, treasurer, and John Copp, clerk; first meeting November 8, 1862.

District 15—March 10, 1872; W. F. Cotton, county superintendent; first meeting March 28.

District 15 (joint), organized by J. H. Gould, county superintendent, April 23, 1863; John Sage, director, Henry Read, treasurer, and Jacob Haskell, clerk.

District 16, formed January 19, 1865, of parts of districts 3, 8, 9, by Isaiah Harris, county superintendent; John Mahan, director, Franz Schmidt, treasurer, G. Zwanziger, clerk. The children of schoolage numbered 14, as follows: G. Zwanziger, 3, John Mahan, 2, Franz Schmidt, 1, Phillip Litz, 4, Fred Palenske, 4. In the distribution of school property the new districts were assessed in amounts as follows: From district 9, \$1.12½; from district 3, \$5.80; from district 8, \$70.87.

District 17, formed March 30, 1874. First meeting was held at the

home of Francis Meier, April 11; W. S. McCormick, county superintendent.

NOTE. A district numbered 17 was formed by Isaiah Harris, county superintendent, August 23, 1866, of territory in the northern part of Mission Creek township (now Maple Hill). First directors were Renben Haas, James L. Wightman and R. H. Waterman.

District 18, formed in 1867 by Isaiah Harris, county superintendent; Geo. Schade, Wm. Horne and Samuel Thackery, first board of directors.

District 19, formed April 16, 1874; first meeting at house of J. L. Muehlenbacher, May 7; W. S. McCormick, county superintendent.

District 20; date of petition December 23, 1867; first officers, Wm. McCormick, C. D. Carpenter and W. H. Earle; Isaiah Harris, county superintendent; first meeting March 31, 1863.

District 21, date of petition, December 27, 1867; first officers, Thos. Barker, John Nevins, E. K. Drake; Isaiah Harris, county superintendent.

District 22, formed January, 1868, by Isaiah Harris, county superintendent; first officers, J. M. Bisbey, H. A. Stiles, L. C. Keyes.

District 23, formed May 3, 1867; first officers, J. C. Goldsberry, Wm. Exon and Geo. Vannatta; Isaiah Harris, county superintendent.

(District 24 in Zeandale township, by Isaiah Harris, county superintendent.)

District 24, organized in 1869; Isaiah Harris, county superintendent.

District 25 was formed April 18, 1874; first meeting held at house of M. K. Anderson; W. S. McCormick, county superintendent.

District 27, organized February 17, 1860; W. D. Ely, Joseph Hughes and Enoch Colton, first officers; T. M. Allen, county superintendent.

District 28, formed in 1870; Robert McMaster, Chas Owen and John Barnell, first officers; T. M. Allen, county superintendent.

District 29, organized 1870 by T. M. Allen, county superintendent; first officers, Wm. Ely, C. D. Carpenter and Samuel Gunsalus.

District 30, organized 1870; T. M. Allen, county superintendent; J. H. Stubbs, Elizabeth Stubbs and Ephraim Elliott, first board.

District 31, formed June 20, 1870; first meeting at C. C. Stalker's, July 7, 1870; T. M. Allen, county superintendent.

District 32, 1870, T. M. Allen, county superintendent; James Burgoyne, Sam Sutton and Thos. C. Finney first district board

District 33, organized January 27, 1871, by R. M. Tunnell, county superintendent; M. McWilliams, J. R. Gross and Geo. F. Duroy, first district board.

District 34, organized March 7, 1871, by R. M. Tunnell, county superintendent; first board, J. C. P. Malone, Thos. Paxton and Geo.

Raine.

District 35, organized April 7, 1871; first meeting April 22; by R. M. Tunnell, county superintendent; C. S. Nicely, C. Keunzli and H. Hanson, first board.

District 56, organized April 7, 1871; first meeting April 22; Eli Samson, C. M. Trueblood and Eli Trueblood, first board: R. M. Tunnell, county superintendent.

District 37, organized 1871; R. M. Tunnell, county superintendent.

District 38, organized July 10, 1871; first meeting July 28; R. M. Tunnell county superintendent.

District 39, established January 1, 1872; W. F. Cotton, county superintendent; first meeting January 16.

District 40, organized April 23, 1872; W. F. Cotton, county superintendent.

District 41, June, 1872; W. F. Cotton, county superintendent; first meeting July 8.

District 42, July 27, 1872; W. F. Cotton, county superintendent.

District 30, 1872; W. F. Cotton, county superintendent.

District 43, organized March 13, 1873; first meeting at house of S. S. Walkley: W. S. McCormick, county superintendent.

District 44, formed March 18, 1873, by W. S. McCormick, county superintendent; first meeting at Chas. North's, April 19.

District 45, formed March 17, 1873, by W. S. McCormick, county superintendent; first meeting at Herman Mueller's, April 19.

District 36, formed March 31, 1873, by W. S. McCormick, county superintendent; first meeting at J. H. Durham's April 30.

District 47, formed by W. S. McCormick, county superintendent, June 23, 1873; first meeting at J. M. Brown's July, 1873.

Districts 48, 49, 50, formed June 23, 1874; officers of 48, P. Reding, A. J. Van Syckle and Henry Ronneau; first meeting held August 13; W. S. McCormick, county superintendent.

District 51 was formed in 1874 by W. S. McCormick, county superintendent; first officers, J. D. Tabor, J. P. Gleich and A. Thowe, sr.

District 52 was formed at an adjourned meeting of the voters on July 15, 1876, by the election of T. Ronsse, director, T. D. Allison, clerk, and Michael Sweeney, treasurer; W. E. Richey, county superintendent.

District 53 was formed February 19, 1878, by W. E. Richey, county superintendent.

District 54 was formed July 13, 1878, by W. E. Richey, county superintendent; first meeting at house of C. J. Malone August 8.

District 55, first meeting July 13, 1878, by W. E. Richey, county superintendent.

District 56 was formed in 1878 by W. E. Richey, county superin-

tendent

Districts 57 to 82, inclusive, and joint district 85 were formed by Matt Thomson, county superintendent, as follows: 57, first meeting held April 22, 1879; 58, first meeting held July 19, 1879; 59, first meeting held September 6, 1876; 60, first meeting held April 2, 1881; 61, first meeting held April 16, 1881; 62, first meeting held June 10, 1881; 63, first meeting, August 11, 1881; 64, first meeting, October 18, 1882; 65, first meeting, March 10, 1883; 66, first meeting, June 16, 1883; 67, first meeting, July 26, 1884; 68, first meeting, September 29, 1884; 69, first meeting, September 29, 1884; 70, first meeting, September 10, 1884; 71, first meeting, July 6, 1885; 72, first meeting, July 13, 1885; 73, first meeting July 18, 1885; 74, first meeting, July 18, 1885; 75, first meeting, July 18, 1885; 76, first meeting, August 18, 1885; 77, July 10, 1886; 78, first meeting, July 17, 1886; 79, first meeting, August 12, 1886; 80, first meeting, August 12, 1886; 81, formed September 10, 1887; 82, first meeting, April 7, 1888; joint 85, first meeting, June 12, 1888; joint 100, first meeting, August 24, 1889, W. W. Ramey, county superintendent; 83, first meeting, July 26, 1890, W. W. Ramey, county superintendent; 84, first meeting, July 24, 1890, W. W. Ramey, county superintendent; 85, first meeting, July 18, 1893, G. L. Clothier, county superintendent; 86, first meeting, July 27, 1893, G. L. Clothier, county superintendent; 87, first meeting, October 5, 1893, G. L. Clothier, county superintendent; 88, first meeting, September 12, 1895, C. C. Carter, county superintendent.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The first school in Wabaunsee county was taught by Miss M. H. Cotton (Mrs. J. T. Genn) in the town of Wabaunsee in the house occupied by Mr. A. J. Bownam as a residence. The house was built for a church. The size of the original structure was 14x20. Miss Cotton boarded with a family living in a sod house with a canvass roof. The size of this house was 12x14.

The first school house in district 3 was of logs and was built in 1862, size of building 12x16. It was located three-fourths of a mile northwest of Mr. C. D. Bean's residence. This was replaced by the stone building (afterwards abandoned on account of the cracked walls) in 1875. Miss Milda Gillespie taught the first school in the district. Miss Jennette Rose taught in 1863 for \$8 per month, A. W. Gregory, district clerk.

The first school in district 4 was taught in 1860 by Miss Anna Keyes; wages \$4 50 per week. The building was 14x18 feet and afterwards moved to the farm of Mr. A. F. Wade and used as a corn crib.

The first school in district 5 was taught in 1860 by Miss Mary Gar-

rison in a log house 14x16, located on the farm since owned by Mr. George Barnes. Four dollars a week was the wages paid. Miss Garrison was afterwards married to Dr. Allen, secretary of state.

The first school in district 6 was taught by S. H. Wellingham in 1857, in a log house 12x14, located just across the road from the stone building since used for school purposes; wages \$20 per month.

The first school in district 8 was taught by G. B. Woostrow, who received for his services \$15 per month. The school house was of logs and for the time, one of the best school houses in the county. The building was valued at \$200 and was located about 200 yards southwest of the present site, on the farm of Mr. Peter Thoes.

The first school house in district 9 was built of shakes or clapboards and located on the farm of William Kreig, now owned by Henry Reuter. The first school was taught in 1862 by Miss Emma Bisbey; wages \$8 per month; size of building 14x16

Mr. Carl Berner taught the first term of school in district 10 (Templin) in 1865, receiving \$15 per month. The house was of logs and although the district was formed in 1864, the school house was not built till the year following, for the reason assigned by the clerk in his report to the county superintendent: "Owing to the Indian excitement" The Kaw reservation was but a few miles away, and so apprehensive were the settlers of a threatened uprising that a stone fort was built within two hundred yards of the present site of the school house in anticipation of a raid from the Kaws

The first school in district 11 (Wilmington) was taught by Miss Mary Herron in 1860; wages \$8 per month. School was held in a concrete stone building of one room 10x14 erected by Mr. Spear for a shoe shop.

Miss Anna Harvey taught the first term of school in district 13 in 1860, in a log house 14x18; wages \$6 per month. Miss Harvey boarded around. The school house was located on the farm of Mr. George Sanner, who occupied the building as a residence after the completion of the stone building near the residence of Mr. Joseph McCoy. Mr. W. A. Doolittle taught several terms in the old log school house.

Mr. G. B. Woostrow taught the first school in district 14 (Halifax) in 1863; wages \$20 per month. The house was built of logs and afterwards weather-boarded; size of building 16x18. The house was located just north of J. B. Crumb's home, but was moved one hundred yards west and used as a residence. The writer taught a six months term of school in this building in the winter of 1877-78.

The first school in district 19 was taught in Mr. John Frank's

house in 1876 by Miss Eola Warner. The building was of logs and the size of building 12x14. There were but two pupils, Ulysses and Gabriel Frank.

Miss Arvilla Keyes taught the first school in district 21, in 1868, in a log school house 12x16; wages \$20 per month.

The first term of school in district 22 was taught by Miss Ella A. Dibble, in 1868. The school house was of logs and located on the farm of Mr. S. C. Gladden. Size of building, 10x12.

Miss Ermina Halderman, in 1868, taught the first term of school in district 23—in a double log house on the farm of Horace Paul. School was taught in the west room, the east room being occupied by the family of Mr. George Vannatta. After the west half was torn away the east room was occupied by Mr. Walker, an old bachelor.

The last log school house was built in district 24 in 1869, of logs hauled from the Pottawatomie reserve, after being cut by a squatter for his own use. The building was 18 feet square and used for school purposes until replaced by a stone building in 1884, after which the log house was used as a crib. The building stood on the hill one half mile south of the present site and for a number of years church services were held in the old log school house.

Marion Meredith taught the first term of school in district 27, in the 10x14 log cabin belonging to an old bachelor named Enoch Colton. Mr. S. G. Cantrill afterwards bought the log cabin, moved it onto his farm and used it as a corn crib.

In a small house sided with flooring, Miss Elmah Montgomery taught the first school in district 29, in 1870. The house was used by Robert Haslett and John Sudweeks when both were bachelors. Miss Montgomery is now Mrs. Micajah Hamilton.

In district 40, Mr. Micajah Hamilton taught the first term of school in 1872, in the shed room of the house occupied by Marion Reynolds. Mr. Andrew Mairs bought the property and for many years resided there.

The first school house in district 41 was built of logs, on the farm of John McCrumb, who after making some alterations, used it as a residence. The stone house was then built but later sold and the frame building now in use at McFarland erected.

Miss Eva Ames taught the first school in district 48, in 1875, in a frame house on the farm of Mr. Henry Ronneau.

The first school in district 49 was taught in the stone house that afterwards served Mr. Peter Taylor as a residence.

By consulting the records further relative to the question of wages we find that the amounts paid, though small, was perhaps due more to a scarcity of funds than from a stinginess on the part of district boards. In 1860 the clerk of district 13 in his annual report says: "At our annual meeting last year we voted all the tax the law would allow. When all is collected it will amount to about \$33." In that year the district paid their teacher, Miss Harvey, \$6 per month for a three months term and two years later employed Miss Rachel Dunnire—now Mrs. Joseph Richards, of Burlingame, the same wages as were paid Miss Harvey.

In 1861 Miss Louisa Todd received \$8 per month in district 11. In 1864 Mrs. Harriet E. Woods received but \$2 per week for a five months term in district 13. In 1862 Miss Susan Andres—Mrs T. O. Hill—taught a term of school in district 12 for \$10 per month.

It is fair to presume that in cases where low wages were received the teacher boarded around. But the custom was not universal. In 1861 Mr. W. F. Cotton received the comparatively high rate of \$20 per month as teacher in district 2. In 1864 Mr. George Daily received \$22 per month in district 5. Mr. Daily would doubtless look upon the amount paid as hardly adequate to support his family, to say nothing of laying aside a nest egg for a rainy day. In 1864 Mr. J. H. Gould received \$20 per month in district 1 and two years later Mr. J. E. Platt received \$25 per month in the same district.

The school houses at an early period of our county's history put forth no claims to architectural beauty without nor was there any attempt at inordinate display within. The rude bench or table besides serving the purpose of the more luxurious appendages of today had this to commend them—they were the best the people in their straightened circumstances could afford. A people to whom poverty was no stranger were concerned about what could be obtained rather than what they might desire.

In the old log school house of the past, pupils with intellects as bright, from homes just as hospitable, eagerly listened to the instruction imparted by teachers who labored as hard as any to be found in the educational field today.

The auxiliaries that tended to advance the cause of education in the past were just as helpful as are their prototypes today. The spelling school was equally beneficial (and more frequently called together) the singing just as pleasant and the Sunday meeting none the less edifying than are similar gatherings of the present—at least for those who might be tempted to smile at the picture suggested by the log school house of the past, for 'twas but yesterday that we—our brothers, our sisters and ourselves—sat on the rude benches and listened to the voice of song from men and women just as prayerful

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



MRS. DAISY THOMSON PALENSKE,
Alma.



MISS AMANDA FIX, Yampa, Colo.



MR. JAMES L. THOMSON (dec'd),
Plumb Township.



MR. EMERSON SHOERAFT, Eskridge.

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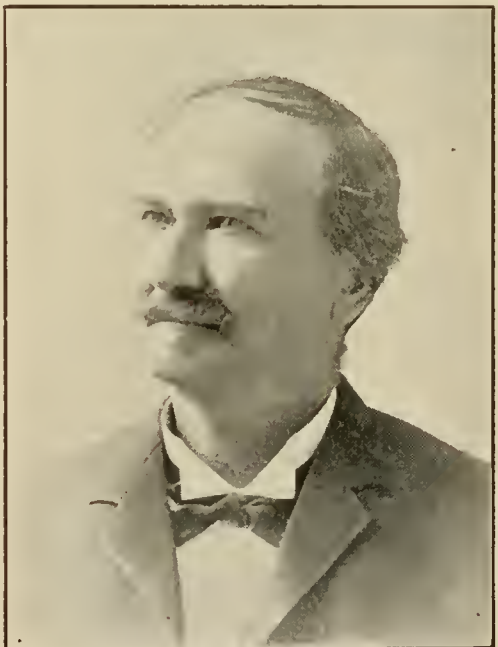
MR. JOHN WINKLER, McFarland.



MR. JOHN WINKLER, McFarland,
as an officer in the Prussian army.



MR. WM. HORNE, SR., Spring Creek.



MR. JACOB HORNE, Alma.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



MR. ED. WORSLEY, Maple Hill.
Former County Commissioner.



MR. D. U. MILLISON (Register of Deeds),
and family. Alma.



PROF. C. M. LOWRY,
Principal of the Eskridge Schools.



MR. W. C. COOK,
Eskridge.

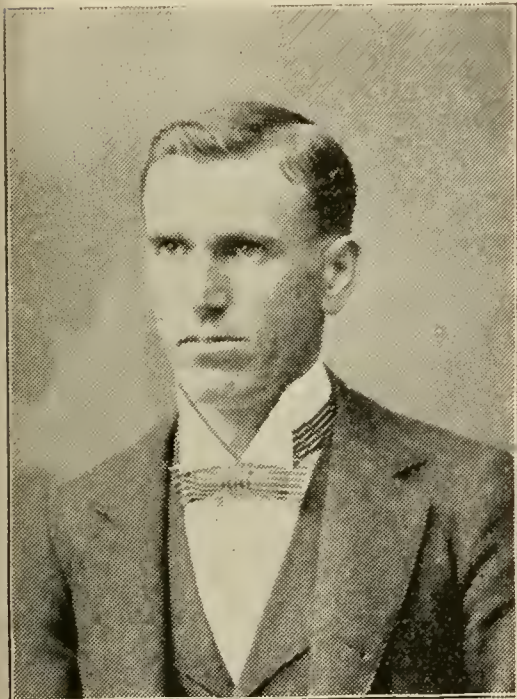
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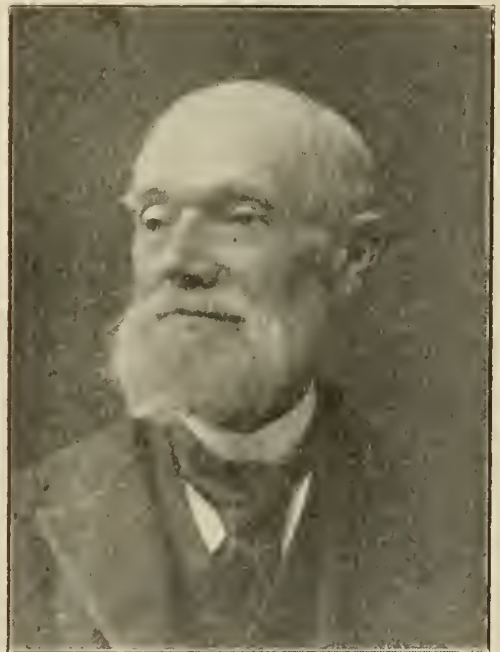
MR. AUGUST HANSON, McFarland.



MR. G. H. MEIER, Alma.



MR. WM. TREU (Dec'd),
Former Sheriff.



MR. W. D. DEANS (Dec'd)
Former County Surveyor.

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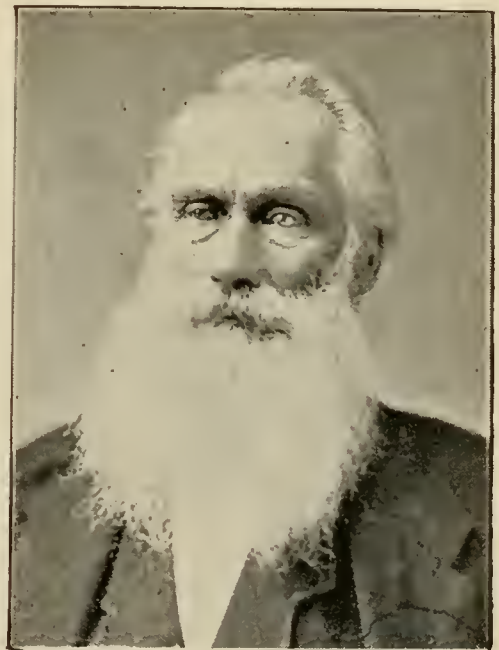
MR. J. M. HUBBARD, Wabaunsee.
Lieut., 11th Kansas Volunteers.



MR. A. A. COTTRELL, Wabaunsee.



MR. L. RICHARDS, Rock Creek.
Former Probate Judge.



MR. J. W. MOSSMAN (dec'd),
Mission Creek.

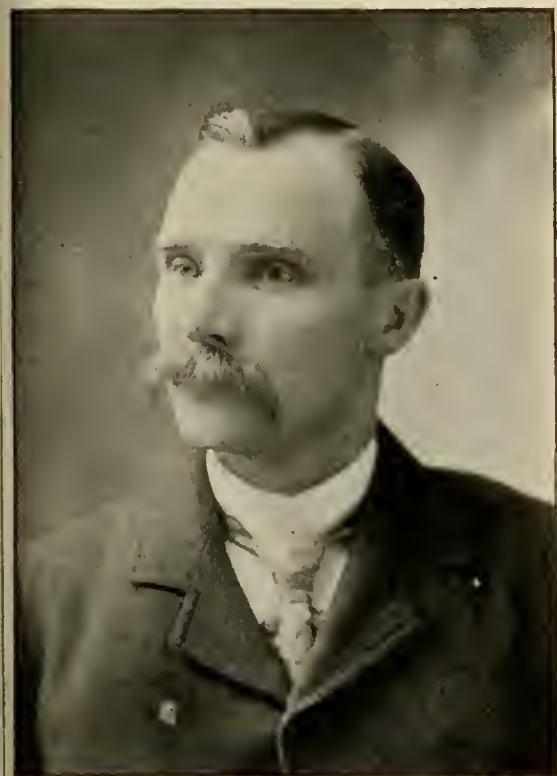
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DR. W. H. H. SMITH, Alma.



DR. C. E. SMITH, Alma.



MR. L. PALENSKE, Alma.
Former Representative.



MR. J. M. ECK (dec'd), Alma.
Former County Commissioner.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



MR. C. B. LINES (dec'd), Wabaunsee.
Former Representative.



MR. G. G. HALL (dec'd), Wabaunsee.
Former Probate Judge.



MR. W. S. WILLIAMS (dec'd),
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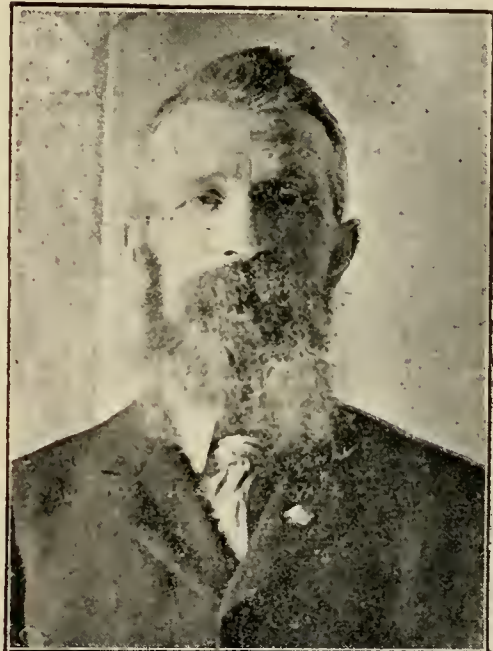
MR. PETER RYNARD (Dec'd),
Eskridge.



MR. SAMUEL WOODS (Dec'd).
Harveyville.



DRUMM BROS., Eskridge.



MR. THOS. OLIVER, Maple Hill.

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MRS. ANNA ANDERSON (dec'd), Alta Vista.

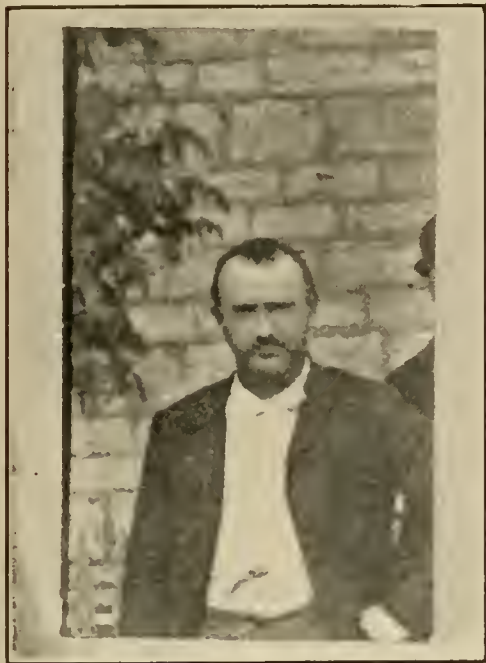


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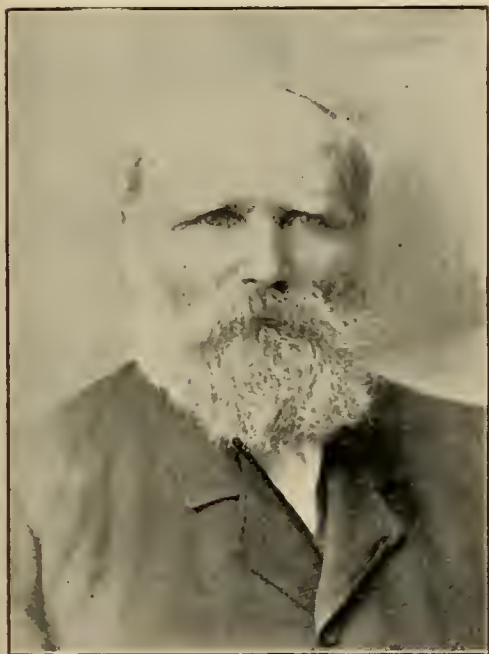
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Former County Commissioner.



MR. ANDREW BELL, Kaw Township.]
County Commissioner.



MR. FRANK RICKERSHAUSER,
near Paxico.



MR. JOSEPH SCHUTTER,
Farmer Township.

just as earnest, just as devout, as is the devotee of to-day.

In the early days pupils received instruction from teachers deserving of equal praise to that accorded the occupant of the highest chair in our State University. They were the pioneers of education—engaged in the work of spanning the gulf that separated barbarism from civilization.

Interested in the New Education.

In the early days interest in school work was not lacking; teachers of experience were, in all cases, given the preference. The teacher, though a stranger, was received with that spirit of welcome so characteristic of the people. A case in point was that of a teacher from an eastern state. His recommendations secured him a hearty welcome in a district, the people of which, were anxious to enjoy the advantages of which his coming gave promise. Arrangements being made that were mutually satisfactory our new teacher entered upon his duties. After a time a member of the board who took a deep interest in the cause of education, concluded to visit the school—on a rainy day, when his services on the farm were not particularly needed. Having heard much of the progress in matters pertaining to education, and being desirous of knowing something more of a system of teaching far beyond that within the range of his own experience he was doubly anxious to see for himself the wonders of the new education. On opening the door what does he see? There is but one pupil present (by reason of the inclemency of the weather) but he is making good his claim to apt scholarship, for the teacher, stretched at full length on one of the rude benches is fast asleep, and his pupil, beneath the bench, equally oblivious of surrounding objects, is trying to rival his teacher in his endeavors to raise the roof—by his snoring. This true story is of no particular value in the line of corroborative testimony relative to the correct estimate to be placed upon the average teacher's recommendations.



Wrote His Sentiments.

The teacher was handsome and her visitor had been honored by the voters of the county and he was doing the people good service as their county attorney. But realizing the truth of the old adage that all work and no play tends to make of Jack a dull boy, our county official with the flowing beard concluded to go on a vacation.

To go to the mountains of Colorado was out of the question for it was at a time when competitive rates were unknown for the very good reason that the large majority of the railroad lines had an existence only on the maps.

But among the pretty school maams at the examination was Miss ———, from Iowa, his own native state. She was teaching near Dover and he would go down and incidentally assist in disposing of a few of Mrs Loomis's pies.

Being a school teacher by profession it was but natural that he should visit the school, and as such visitor he was expected to write his name in the teacher's register—in that part of the book every teacher can refer to with pride—for as a rule in the column of "Remarks" nothing but flattering testimonials ever finds a place.

Looking over the visitor's register our ex-pedagogue learns that Mary Jones has left in the record: "Good school; good teacher." John Smith has supplemented the statement with "Good teacher; excellent order." When the county superintendent called—a few days before the election, he expressed his admiration of the teacher's work by: "An earnest and efficient teacher and an interesting and progressive school." Having no blotter at hand it is possible that our visiting superintendent returned the book to the teacher unclosed—for fear of blotting the page, of course. More than likely he expected an invitation home to supper and there is a bare possibility that he wasn't disappointed.

But this matter cuts no figure with our ex-pedagogue out for recreation. He finds that Mrs. Williams had indicated her approval of the teacher's methods by: "Am well pleased with the school." Peter Wilson, a farmer's boy bluntly says: "Teacher all right; school, ditto." When the director called he left in bold characters: "Discipline perfect, am glad to see the pupils interested in the great cause of

education; in future years they will realize that knowledge is the power that moves the world."

But our visitor who was elected by the suffrages of the people to an important office is no copyist. He looks about him and views with complacency the evidences of good government and excellent intellectual development. The prompt answers elicit his unqualified approval and warmest approbation. But he sees more than all this. He observes the sparkling eye that is responsible for any talismanic effects that may be indicated by the prompt responses to the questions propounded by the teacher. It may not be out of place here to state that our visitor was the owner in fee simple of an Iowa farm, and the occupation of a farmer embodying (to his mind) all the phases of an ideal existence all that was needed to render his future a life of unalloyed happiness was a home on the farm and a handsome ex-school-marm to preside at the opposite end of the table. With this explanation these written words in the register need no further interpretation: "I like the teacher very much."

Among the old letters on file in the County Superintendent's office is one indicating the difference in the methods of examining teachers then and now. The letter is from a patron of a country district inquiring as to the date of the superintendent's contemplated visit, accompanied by this statement: "Miss —— is teaching our school and wants to be examined for a certificate when you come into our neighborhood." The method has this to recommend it—it is more convenient to the teacher and the expense of an examining board is dispensed with.

The teacher's work in the school room should tend to the formation and development of correct habits—the foundation of a good character. The work of each day of a pupil's school life should add to his ability to fight the battle of life successfully: should tend to make of each and every pupil a useful member of society.

The teacher who neglects to avail himself of the opportunity afforded on the last day of school to create a lasting impression on his pupils throws away one of the best of his opportunities. Though an air of solemnity pervade the exercises no fears need be entertained as to their harmful effects. However painful the parting words, it will hold, none the less, a valued place in memory's storehouse. It will the better serve as a medium to impress illegibly upon plastic minds such lessons as only on such occasions as this may be readily inculcated. No pupil, however listless during the long weeks of the term about to

close, but feels the impressiveness of the occasion. However regardless of the teacher's timely admonitions he may have been, he more than ever before realizes the value of time lost; more than ever is enabled to place a proper estimate on advice unheeded—on opportunities that may never again be presented. As the last whispers of a dear departing friend are ineffably engraved on memory's tablet, so may the teacher's parting words to his pupils on the last day of school serve as a beacon to many a darkened pathway—exert a potent influence in shaping the course of a hitherto aimless life. Be careful lest the opportunity be thrown away; take heed lest a blighted existence be laid at your feet.

At the close of the State Teachers' Association, held during the past winter, the President, while addressing the teachers, bluntly asked the question, "What is all this about?" "What are we here for?" We might well make a personal application of the answer suggested. Unless we shall go forth from our labors here the better prepared to assist the pupils of the schools in the work of preparation for future usefulness, then our coming together as teachers has been in vain. We feel assured that each and every teacher will go hence capable of doing better work; that they will be prompted by nobler impulses. We feel warranted in the statement that your aims will be higher, and that greater results will be accomplished. We trust that your labors here and in the school room will be appreciated in a manner commensurate with your most extravagant anticipations. May your labors be lightened by that hearty spirit of co-operation so necessary as an auxiliary in bringing about a correct solution of the educational problem. We trust that you will bring to your assistance every possible aid. The essential elements of success are embodied in a thorough knowledge of your surroundings, a conscientious regard for the welfare of your pupils, and a strict application to duty.

Let some potent influence enable us to realize the magnitude of our undertaking—that the footsteps of the little ones placed in our keeping may be guided aright. To them the future is a dark unfathomable mystery. The great world beyond the portals of the school-room is a labyrinth of mysterious windings which will lead to success or failure. We can provide the chart leading to the one, or we can, by our carelessness, permit the placing of such obstacles in the way as will insure the destruction of all their hopes. The chart once supplied let its markings be clear and unmistakable. Here, in a cool, shady nook, Idleness is ever lounging, and at this point we will place our first danger signal. Just beyond, Pleasure, awaits the coming of the youthful travelers. We will detail, as a guard, our faithful auxiliary, Duty, lest Pleasure tire of her wards and give them in charge of her twin sister, Vice. With Industry as a constant companion, and Honor, as a guide, where dangers threaten, we need have no fears but that our charges will reach the haven of their hopes, and we receive our reward in the heartfelt thanks of our patrons, the lasting gratitude of our pupils, and the consciousness within ourselves of having performed our duty.—From Matt. Thomson's address at close of Institute of 1887.

An Educational Exhibit.

No better evidence of the interest taken by our people in the cause of education could be presented than is here shown by the bonds issued by the several school districts for building purposes.

These contributions have been voluntarily assumed that our children may enjoy every possible benefit to be derived from an educational system unsurpassed anywhere. The comparatively small amount of bonded indebtedness remaining unpaid is a feature that commends itself to those seeking a home among our people.

DIST.	WHEN ISSUED.	AMT.	DIST.	WHEN ISSUED.	AMT.
1.	May 31, '79.....	\$1,000		Jan. 5, '97.....	\$ 450
	May 2, '87.....	1,000	46.	June 2, '73	1,100
2.	Oct. 11, '78.....	500	47.	August 15, '73.....	1,200
3.	July 5, '72.....	760		April 16, '87.. ..	1,200
	Aug. 16, '93.....	1,200	48.	Oct. 26, '96....\$300 due	900
	\$400 due 1-1, 1902		49.	Nov. 14, '82.....	530
4.	No bonds issued.		50.	July 30, '84....	800
5.	Jan. 25, '82.....	1,200	51.	Sept. 26, '74....	1,000
6.	March 20, '71.....	1,350	52.	Oct. 21, '76.....	1,000
7.	Sept. 26, '84....	600		May 21, '81	1,000
	Dec. 5, '92	200	53.	June 1, '78.....	500
8.	No bonds issued.			Oct. 5, '86.....	700
9.	June 14, '75.....	300	54.	Sept. 3, '85.....	500
10.	No bonds issued.		55.	Sept. 1, '78.....	600
11.	July 1, '70.....	900		May 13, '90	650
12.	Oct. 24, '77.	700	56.	Oct. 19, '78.....	500
	Nov. 16, 1901.....	2,000		Nov. 11, '89.....	2,000
	\$2,000 due.			Dec. 28, '94....	400
13.	Sept. 23, '73	1,400	57.	Dec. 15, '79.....	600
14.	May 27, '81	1,500	58.	Aug. 19, '82.....	600
15.	Oct. 1, '74	600	59.	Nov. 15, '79.....	500
16.	April 1, '69	1,000	60.	Oct. 1, '81.....	800
	June 1, '74	5,000	61.	Aug. 20, '81.....	350
	Feb. 22, '75.....	1,000	62.	Sept. 19, '81	300
17.	August 26, '74.....	500	63.	Sept. 19, '81.....	1,000
	May 3, '92 .. .	500		Sept. 24, '84.....	2,500

18. August 26, '78.....	500	Dec. 1, '85.....	1,890
June 13, '92	800	64. April 28, '83.....	1,000
19. No bonds issued.		65. July 24, '83.....	600
20. Sept. 18, '74.....	900	66. Sept. 1, '83	600
21. Sept. 18, '83.....	800	Nov. 11, 1901, \$1200 due	1,200
22. March 10, '83.....	1,100	67. Nov. 15, '84.....	400
23. August 1, '70.....	900	68. Feb. 6, '85.....	900
24. April 1, '71.....	300	69. Oct. 17, '84	600
June 9, '83.....	800	70. Nov. 22, '84.....	600
25. August 11, '87	700	71. Oct. 2, '85.....	1,000
26. No bonds issued.		72. Sept. 12, '85.....	650
27. May 31, '71.....paid	1,200	73. Aug. 22, '85	600
28. July 1, '70.....	600	74. Aug. 15, '85.....	1,000
29. March 1, '72.....	1,100	75. Sept. 5, '85.....	600
30. November, '70.....	1,600	76. Aug. 29, '85.....	800
31. No bonds issued.		77. Sept. 2, '86.....	500
32. August 7, '71.....	400	78. Oct. 16, '86	700
July 9, '90.....	900	79. Oct. 9, '86.....	600
300 due 1-1-1902		80. Sept. 16, '86.....	400
33. No bonds issued.		Due Jan. 1, 1902, \$100..	
34. May 3, '73	600	81. Jan. 5, '89.....	2,400
35. Feb. 5, '92	800	Due Jan. 1, 1902, \$900..	
\$200 due 1-1-1902		82. July 14, '88.....	1,500
36. July 22, '71.....	400	83. Oct. 1, '90.....	500
Dec. 1, '93.....\$350 due	800	84. Aug. 19, '90.....	800
37. Feb. 10, '72.....	1,200	85. Sept. 5, '93.....	700
38. Oct. 25, '71.....	750	\$500 due 1-1-1902.....	
39. June 1, '72	1,500	86. Sept. 15, '93.....	350
July 24, '90.....	2,500	87. Nov. 14, '93.....	500
40. June 2, '73.....	1,000	88. Oct. 2, '95.....	800
41. Nov. 10, '91.....	3,000	\$500 due 1-1-1902	
42. June 2, '73.....	1,200	89. Oct. 21, 1901...\$500 due	500
43. June 1, '73	1,000	Jt. 15. Oct. 4, '69... ..	900
Sept. 24, '98.....	1,200	Jt. 15. Oct. 12, '77	450
44. Feb. 11, '74.....	1,000	Jt. 100. July 2, '91.....	800
Sept. 21, '95.....	900	\$400 due 1-1-1902...	
45. Sept. 20, '73.....	500	Jt. 85. No date.....	1,900
		Jt. 30. June 10, '95	900

The McMahan Telephone Exchange.

When on June 25, 1898, Mr. McMahan secured from the City of Alma a telephone franchise for twenty-five years, but few persons realized the magnitude the undertaking would assume in so short a period of time. At first the growth of the venture was comparatively slow but ere long the convenience connected with the new order of things became apparent to the people and the daily increasing patronage encouraged Mr. McMahan in extending his lines, at first, to all points in Wabaunsee county, and, later, to Topeka and other outside points, until direct telephone communication is not confined to the limits of this and adjoining counties, nor even of the State.

A few data as to the growth of the McMahan telephone system:

Telephone franchise granted, June 21, 1898. On August 27, following there were 12 phones in Alma and 12 more ordered. On November 12, there were 36 phones. Completed to Manhattan December 1, 1898—the M. A. & B. telegraph line being secured for the service. April 28, 1899, telephone completed to McFarland. On May 1, to Eskridge, and on September 16, to Maple Hill. January 27, 1900, Alta Vista was reached, and on June 16, 1900, there was telephone connection between Alma and Wamego. Topeka was reached December 15, 1900—since which time the growth of the McMahan telephone system has been phenomenally surprising to all, and extremely flattering to the business sagacity of the founder of the system. In the illustration, seated in the front row, is Mr. J. H. McMahan, projector of the enterprise and proprietor of the system. On the left is Mr. William Noller, bookkeeper, and on the right is Mr. Julius Frey, who may be found almost constantly in attendance at the keyboard. At the extreme ends of the employes standing are Masters Roy and Arthur McMahan, who, though young in years are capable of filling the place of substitute at the board. Then in succession are Mr. Albert Copp, Mr. George Sweitzer, Mr. Wm. Hershey, and Mr. Louis Sweitzer, the latter now in charge at Eskridge. By reason of a misunderstanding as to the time of sitting for the group picture, the portraits of Messrs. Louis and Gus Schroeder, two of the oldest employes of the telephone exchange, appear elsewhere. The following are the names of the local managers not already mentioned: McFarland, Mr. Arthur Winkler: Paxico, Dr. O. E. Webb (who is,

also, the owner of an independent line); Maple Hill, J. N. Dolley; Rossville, G. P. Pierce; St. Mary's, Miss Annie Damaris; Willard, Mr. R. N. Blackburn; Valencia, Mr. Ed. Mitchell; Wanamaker, Mr. Straub; Dwight, Mr. H. Olson; Alta Vista, Mr. Union Thomas; Volland; Mr. J. W. Kratzer; Harveyville, Mr. R. D. Lewis; Eskridge, Mrs. Louis Sweitzer, assistant; Halifax, Mr. Longabaugh; Templin, Mr. Gustav Zimmermann—the services of thirty men being required. In Wabaunsee county there are over 200 miles of wire and 225 phones in use. Of this number, 110 are in Alma, 70 in Eskridge, and 41 in the rural districts. The number of phones is constantly increasing and the efficiency of the system is perfect.

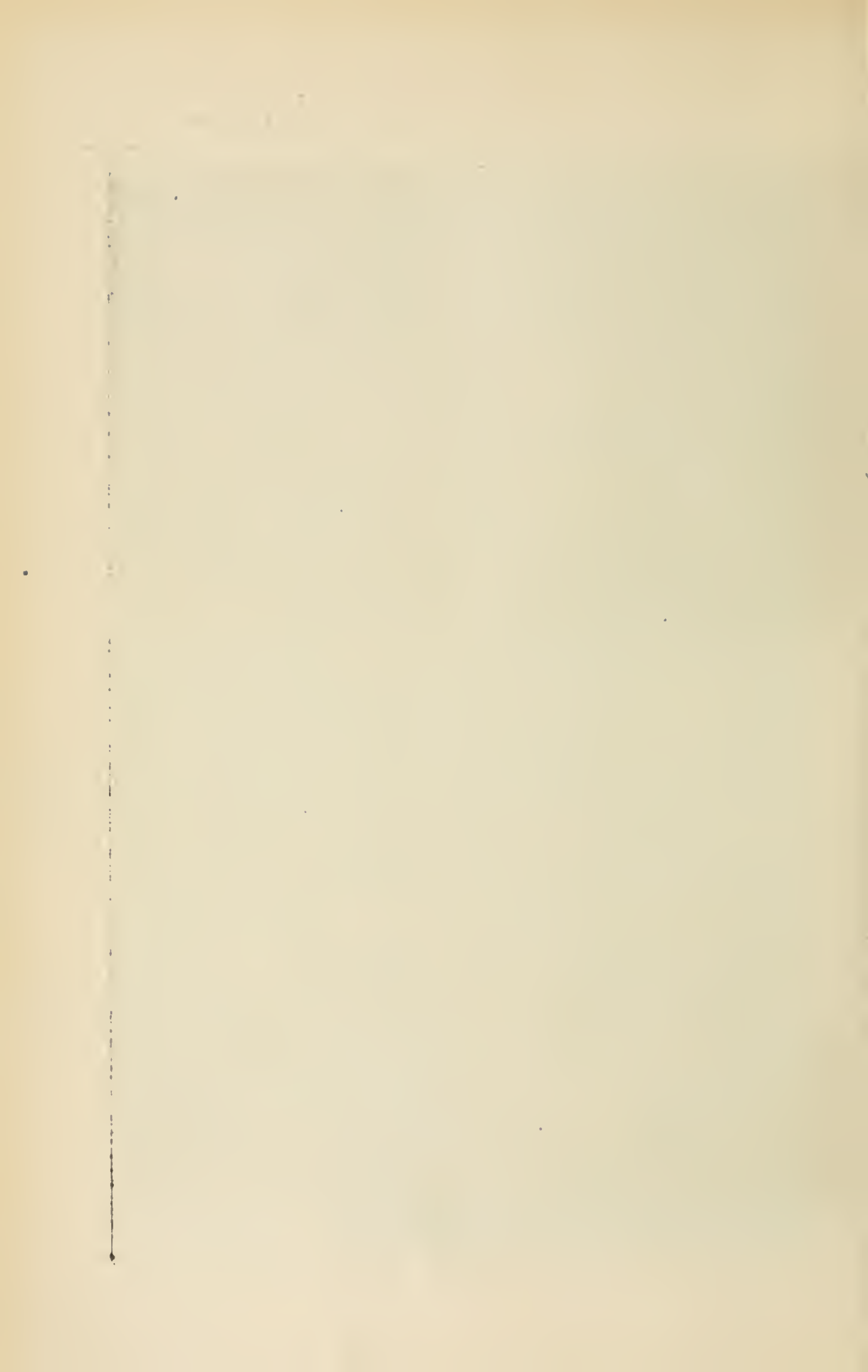
Ethnologic History.

Wabaunsee County has an ancient history of surpassing interest, partly printed in the old Spanish chronicles and partly determined by archaeological science—the two combined making a record recently completed which covers a period of 500 years. In 1897, Mr. J. V. Brower discovered near Alma, in Mill creek valley, an ancient village site from which he gathered chert spearheads, arrow points, knives, scrapers and pieces of clay pots. Judge J. T. Keagy, and others, associated with Mr. Brower in the work, have continued explorations and investigations until the identity of the people who inhabited this county during a pre-Columbian age has been ascertained as the same people who were discovered by Coronado in 1541, at two provinces called Quivira and Harahey, part of which was constituted by the prairies and valleys of Wabaunsee county, the dividing line crossing Deep creek and Mill creek near Volland. Two volumes have been issued and published concerning the work, entitled respectively, *Quivira*, 1898, and *Harahey*, 1899. These two books describe in particular all of the discoveries and many historic and prehistoric facts. In 1901, the Quivira Historical Society was organized at Alma for the purpose of continuing the work, and another volume is to be issued after a monument is erected for the purpose of commemorating the discovery and rediscovery of Quivira and Harahey, by Coronado in 1541, and Brower in 1896-7-8. Like many other similar explorations, an attempt has been made to divert the actual rediscovery, made in 1896, to the credit of a plagiarist several years later. But this will not be successful as the Quivira Historical Society has been organized to not only preserve all records, but to prevent literary piracy.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.

RESIDENT MEMBERS OF THE MOHAWK TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, Alma.





EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



MR. GUS SCHROEDER, Alma.



MR. LOUIS SCHROEDER, Alma.



RESIDENCE OF MR. LOUIS SHROEDER, Alma.

The First White Shirt.

Readers of historical incidents, as a rule, delight in reminiscences entitled to first place in any particular line. They would know the first settler in this or that locality; the name of the first woman who cooked the first meal in the "Hard Scrabble" settlement, and so on to the end of the chapter.

In view of these facts wherein is the harm of a true story involving the right of the first white shirt to a place at the head of the column?

In the early settlement of Kansas hundreds of families looked upon milk and butter as luxuries beyond their reach. Many families were not sufficiently well-to-do as to own a cow. Of course there were exceptions, and, as time advanced, other evidences of civilization began to appear. Perhaps a little incident might better illustrate our meaning. Over in Wabaunsee a genial old gentleman had just arrived from Connecticut. His neighbors were somewhat inclined to look upon him with envious eyes from the fact that he was the possessor of a cow. This particular cow was the mother of a white calf, and, besides, she possessed qualities that rendered her valuable to an extraordinary degree. Besides furnishing a daily supply of the lacteal fluid her disposition enabled her owner to utilize her as a beast of burden. The ease with which our friend was enabled to transfer the products of the farm from the field to winter quarters might well excite the envy of his less fortunate neighbors. But all did not go "merry as a marriage bell." One night a storm came on and misfortune visited that little household. When morning dawned it was found that the white calf was missing.

Diligent search and anxious inquiry failed to reward the disconsolate owner with the sight of the lost calf. But there came a moment when joy beamed forth from the countenances of the owners of the white calf. A white object was seen some distance away on the banks of the creek, which the good wife recognized at once as "our calf." She "would know that calf anywhere," and as it was the only white object known in all the county at the time she was excusable in entertaining the idea that the lost had been found. Procuring a rope our overjoyed owner proceeded at once to capture the truant calf, but one can hardly imagine his discomfiture when about to secure

his prize he discovered that the white object was not the lost calf, but a man who had just come into the country wearing a white shirt—the first garment of that description that had found its way into Wabaunsee county.

The First Wagon Shop.

When Mr. Wm. Horne came to Wabaunsee county in 1859, he had two wagons with skeins—the only two of the kind in the Spring creek settlement. But Henry Palenske was a wagonmaker and before long he was supplying the demand for wagons.

It didn't take long to make one, either. With a cross-cut saw, a sycamore log about 20 or 24 inches in diameter would soon be transformed into wheels—about every six inches, running measure, was enough for one wheel, two feet being all that was required for a wagon.

To make the running gear was easy. Two big hewed slabs for axles, in which two-inch augur holes were bored for standards, a coupling pole and tongue, and that wagon was ready for the owner—who in all cases, was patiently waiting for the first wagon he ever owned—of that particular pattern.

Grease being a commodity that hadn't found its way into the country, there was music in the air whenever a wagon happened to be on the road—and music too, of the semi-calliope variety—that could be heard two miles or more—when the wind happened to be right, more. Those wagons would last for two or three years, but the supply wasn't equal to the demand, and Mr. Horne never lacked for opportunities to loan one or both of his wagons to his neighbors—and every settler in the country at that time considered himself a near enough neighbor to borrow a wagon with spokes in the wheels to make a hundred-mile trip for a sack of corn meal or a side of bacon.

There was a kind of caste among the people in those days, indicated by the make of wagon used on the claim. In Indian nomenclature, William Horne would merit the title of High-muck-a-muck, or the-man-with-the-sure-enough-wagon.

Wagons of the Palenske pattern would indicate that the owners were in moderate circumstances, unless they owned a cow. Still lower in the line of eligibility to a place on the front seats with the aristocracy of the frontier settlements was the man compelled to

steer a stone-boat (made of the fork of a tree) over the prairies with a pair of oxen for a motor.

Then, in order, came a fellow with a blind horse or the family cow for a beast of burden, followed by the man with all his earthly belongings tied in a handkerchief, on the end of a stick, looking for a claim. He was bringing up the tail end of the procession then, but as he sits cozily by the grate in the big stone house, you might fail to recognize our old pioneer friend with the stick and handkerchief. But he is one and the same, nevertheless, and not a whit better or worse, by reason of his circumstances.

Sometimes these old pioneers are just as kind hearted and Christian like as in their days of adversity—when they were swelled up with pride over the ownership of one of Henry Palenske's wagons, but not always. Somehow the canker-worm of prosperity has gnawed a hole in their hearts and blinded their eyes to all the good in the world except that measured by the almighty dollar.

He Gathered Them In.

In 1886, when the M. A. & B. track was laid to Eskridge there were several young men in the south part of Wabaunsee county and near the north end of Lyon who were inclined to be sporty. They were of that type of young men who start out in life imbued with the idea that the world owes them a living and it required several hard knocks to drive the notion out of their heads. These boys had seen something of the world—just enough, in fact, to create the desire for further experience in the same direction.

They had traveled west as far as the Panhandle country and had made several trips to the Kansas City stock yards, and had even ventured as far as Chicago on a cattle train. Besides the customary pass the boys on these occasions carried with them, as part of their equipment, a large stick with a sharp nail in the end—to give the cattle a punch when they would persist in lying down in the car. For this reason, probably, the boys considered themselves entitled to the honor of being called "cow-punchers" or as they preferred, "cowboys."

About the time referred to another young man put in his appearance at Eskridge. Having passed the greater part of his life in the shadow of the Cumberland mountains the boys of sporty tendencies dubbed him a tenderfoot and at first were inclined to gey the new-

comer. But later on they began to treat him with respect and on further acquaintance to even admire the man they had prematurely dubbed "tenderfoot."

Somewhere and somehow the young man had acquired proficiency in the use of the gloves and after he had several times in quick succession sent the bully of the crowd sprawling into the corner he was voted a tip-top fellow. He also carried a handsome revolver of the navy pattern and when he proved himself an expert in its use it was the unanimous verdict that a false estimate had been placed on his value as a friend. When they had about concluded to adopt the young tenderfoot he suddenly left the country.

But the boys heard from him again. It wasn't long before they received letters postmarked Cincinnati. Then in quick succession others came from Chicago, New York, Baltimore, and other large cities—in each case on the letterheads of a different firm. Later on, another letter came. This time he wanted to meet the boys and if they would go to Burlingame on a certain date he would be there.

The boys went down and if the walls of a little two roomed saloon in the town could be induced to impart the secrets divulged at that meeting an interesting story would be unfolded. While on his rambles in the East he had struck a sure thing and his old time friendship for the boys prompted him to seek them out and share with them his good fortune. Like Barkis, they were "willin'."

Then he produced some crisp five dollar bills, just from the press. Not the best samples, he said, but he had better "stuff" at headquarters in Chicago. It was a ticklish business and he couldn't trust the mails. The detectives were always on his track. He sold them five crisp new five dollar bills for one dollar each. After swearing each one to secrecy he told the boys to try their luck with the bills and report. He would remain in concealment and under no circumstances must his presence in the town be revealed.

In a short time the boys returned clamoring for more of the "queer." It was "hot stuff." "*It was good at the bank.*" That settled it with the boys. But he wouldn't trust them. They must select one of their number to meet him in Chicago. It was so arranged.

So the boys went home. Only a few confidential friends were let into the secret—friends they wanted to share with them their good fortune. Never did these young fellows work so hard to raise funds for investment in a "sure thing." One sold a team, another his saddle horse and a third his fine Mexican saddle and a pair of Navajo blankets—and all, away down. After a few days of strenuous effort and much sacrifice the sum of \$1,400 was raised.

But that would bring them \$7,000. Then they could again buy

their outfit and take their long anticipated trip to Texas, where they would launch out in the cattle business.

In due time the committee of one went to Chicago, meeting, as per agreement, their former acquaintance at the depot. But not until a friendly tap on the shoulder turned his attention that way was his presence suspected. He was in disguise. He said that was the only way to throw the government detectives off his track.

He was taken in a roundabout way to his room. Up five flights of rickety stairs, and through dark, winding passages they went. Two well dressed men with revolvers lying on the table in front of them were there. They counted out \$7,000 in crisp, new bills—just like those at Burlingame. He saw the money safely packed in his sachel and departed. But his old acquaintance would see him off. He was going down the road anyway.

When the committee of one arrived at Eskridge he was met at the train by the boys. All were there. They had parted with their last dollar and it had been nearly a week of long and weary waiting. They repaired to a room at the —— hotel to make a division of the funds.

The carpet-sack was opened and inside were seven neatly tied packages—just as they had been packed in Chicago—but in another carpet-sack. His friend had made the exchange at the depot. The boy had bought seven packages of sawdust at \$1,400 a pound.

It is needless to say that that trip to Texas was indefinitely postponed. The boys took their summer vacation in the corn field—walking behind a two-horse cultivator—longing for a shot at that tenderfoot, who had been raised in the shadow of the Cumberland mountains.

Were Their Fears Groundless?

The stranger to pioneer conditions finds it difficult to realize that within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, to say nothing of others not so far advanced in years, there was ever any real danger to the early settlers of Wabaunsee county from Indian raids. Perhaps not.

But before rendering our verdict let us ask the sturdy German farmers of Templin, who put forth all their efforts in building the old stone fort in 1864, if there was cause for fear. Ask the Swedish settlers of Marion county who, four years later, slept for weeks in their corn fields. Ask them if their fears were groundless and the antici-

pated Indian raid but a chimerical conception of a disordered brain.

While their bones lie mouldering under the sod we will not taunt them with cowardice, nor desecrate their memories by the accusation that they were other than they seemed—pioneers in the truest sense of the term.

Let us give them proper credit. If ever there was an inkling of fear indicated, it was due to the love a parent bears to his child. It was from the fear of compulsory separation—either by death at the hands of the merciless foe, or capture, followed by death, torture, or worse. Ask not the meaning of this—lest you betray your ignorance of a captive's fate.

There were those who laughed at the fears of the settlers in the vicinity of Spirit Lake, Iowa, and at New Ulm, Minnesota, in 1862—eight years later than the first settlers came to Kansas—but it required several regiments of cavalry and years of campaigning to render the pioneer homes of Iowa and Minnesota secure from the raids of wandering Indians.

In 1868, fourteen years after the first settlers came to Wabaunsee county the old pioneers of Council Grove—men who never knew the meaning of the word "fear" hurried their wives and children to a haven of safety. Was their act an exhibition of cowardice? Were their fears groundless?

The dead Kaw brave and the seven Cheyenne warriors who lay dead on the hill almost in sight of the town say "No!" The presence of the raiding Indians in plain view of the people is equivalent to a most emphatic denial of the baseless charge of cowardice.

Because Price Perrill, the lone surveyor, hadn't enough of the coward in his makeup, his bones lay bleaching in the sun for weeks on the plains of McPherson county. The Kaw Indian charged with his killing, gloated over, rather than denied, the accusation, and yet there are those who would say the fears of the hardy pioneers were groundless. It is our duty to tell the story, and the reader's privilege, to refuse to be convinced.



Our Stone Fences.

In traveling over Wabaunsee county the miles of stone fences, especially in the Mill Creek Valley, impress everyone favorably, and reminds the old settler of that period in our county's history when the easy and rapid method of enclosing a farm by a wire fence was unknown.

To encourage the building of stone fences and the growing of hedges the legislature of 1867 passed a law giving a bounty of five cents per rod for stone or hedge fences, the bounty to continue for eight years. As the bounty would amount to forty cents per rod many of our farmers availed themselves of the benefit of the law.

As early as 1869 thousands of rods of stone fence had been built, the tax roll for that year making the following exhibit:

Mr. Herman Meseke had built 350 rods of stone fence and Mr. I. L. French, 300 rods. Mr. Joseph Thoes came next with 230 rods, followed by Mr. Ed. Krapp with 210 rods.

Others had built stone fence as follows:

Eli and Carey Walton, 180 rods; M. Walton, 160 rods; John Schrouder and John Schwanke each 120 rods; R. J. Marrs, 110 rods; A. Fetting, 106 rods; Joseph Treu, 100 rods; Aug. Weber, Aug. Wolgast, Rudolph Arndt, John Copp, Aug. Gerloch, L. Grunewald, F. Ricker-shauser and H. Schultheis, each reporting between 50 and 100 rods, in nearly every case, increasing their fence bounty in accordance with the provisions of the statute.

The fact that in nearly every instance the fences are as substantial today as when first built speaks volumes of the value for building purposes of Wabaunsee county stone—everywhere abundant, and yet not presenting any serious obstacles to the farmer in the use of his land for agricultural purposes.



THE LAST LOG SCHOOL HOUSE, DIST. NO. 24—"JAKETOWN."
BUILT IN 1869; REPLACED BY STONE BUILDING IN 1884.

The County Seat Question.

Our State motto with but a slight variation might well apply to Alma in the effort to secure and hold the county seat.

When the county was organized Wabaunsee was designated as the county seat, and being the centre of a large settlement the people acquiesced in the location. At that time Alma had no place on the map, but later on the settlers in the southeast part of the county raised objections to the inconvenience arising from the distance and expressed themselves desirous of a change.

That the will of the people might be expressed at the polls an election was called for March 6, 1866. At this election the vote stood:

For Alma	137
For Wabaunsee.....	112

Total vote.	249
Necessary to a choice,	125

The law, at that time, required the officers to move to the place having received the highest number of votes within twenty days but a session of the district court having been called for April 9th, a resolution was passed by the board of commissioners postponing the date of removal to May 1, 1866.

But the legality of the vote being questioned and no steps being taken to move the records to Alma a petition was presented to the board Oct. 6, requesting that a new election be called. The prayer of the petitioners was granted and the date of the election set for Nov. 22, 1866.

The vote stood:

For Alma	142
For Wabaunsee.....	114
Thoes' Place	1
Wilmington.....	1

Alma was again declared the county seat and the records moved over in time for the meeting of the board at the January session, 1867. The records were hauled over in two wagons and deposited in the new court house—the frame house known as the Kaufman building, one block east of the present site of the court house.

But other aspirants for the county seat sprung up. The Pottawatomic reserve had been opened for settlement (March, 1869) and settlers had taken advantage of the opportunity to secure the rich lands and comfortable homes for a nominal sum. A town had been laid out at

Newbury, the whole of Section 22, Township 11, Range 11 had been platted, with a square, containing 8 acres, in the center. The town company offered to erect a building and donate the use of the same for county purposes for five years and to deed the court house square to the county in case the county seat should be moved to Newbury.

Eskridge, with its one house was also an aspirant and offered similar inducements, and the citizens of Alma met the situation by the offer of a stone court house, the title to which should vest in the county after twenty years' occupation.

At the January session, 1871, a petition to re-locate the county seat was granted and another election called for Feb. 7, 1871.

The vote at this election stood as follows:

	Alma,	Eskridge,	Newbury,	Wabaunsee,
Alma, City,	103	..	5	..
Alma, East Pre.,	49	15	7	..
Alma, West Pre.,	61	..	...	..
Wabaunsee,	88	4	9	2
Rock Creek,	20	10	...	..
Elm Creek,	6	51	...	..
Dragoon,	2	88	2	..
Mission Creek,	3	75	29	..
Zeandale,	40	13	5	..
Newbury, East,	..	..	43	..
Newbury, West,	3	..	111	..

In the recapitulation of the vote the following figures appear in the records:

Alma, 369; Eskridge, 256; Newbury, 217; Wabaunsee, 2.

No place having received a majority of the votes cast another election was called for Feb. 21, 1871.

The vote stood: For Alma. For Eskridge.

Alma Pre.,	127	3
Alma, East Pre.,	55	23
Alma, West Pre.,	59	...
Wabaunsee,	133	2
Rock Creek,	13	19
Elm Creek,	...	48
Dragoon,	3	106
Mission Creek,	23	26
Zeandale,	37	20
Newbury, East,	...	34
Newbury, West,	12	85

Alma, 465 Eskridge, 429

Alma having received a majority of the votes cast was, for the third time, declared the county seat. Since the law requires a three-fifths vote to bring about a change, and a petition signed by two-thirds of the voters being necessary to call an election for the re-location of a county seat the question of a change is not likely to come before the people for years to come.

Item in Signal February 20, 1899: It is stated on good authority that a family living on the Snokomo being somewhat annoyed by the presence of a frog in the cellar were surprised one morning to find the butter already churned and ready for market. Investigation disclosed the fact that the churning had been done by the frog—in his efforts to get out of the churn. The agitation of the cream had churned the butter into an island on which the frog was calmly waiting for something to turn up—monarch of all he surveyed—which in this case was a small fringe of buttermilk on the outer edge of the island, and the walls of the churn that held his frogship a prisoner. It is said that fabulous offers for the frog have been refused and that it will be trained to salt and print the product of the nocturnal churnings.

During the drouth of 1894, the people of Kansas, among other afflictions, were imposed upon by a lot of fakirs styling themselves rainmakers. Alma, not to be behind the times put forward the claims of Dr. Syntax. Of course the Doctor could furnish the usual testimonials as to ability, experience, level-headedness and fair dealing. Failure to produce rain would cost nothing more than the net outlay for the chemicals used and the pittance of ten dollars a day extra for time engaged and insurance—on account of the imminent and constant danger of being blown up by the least oversight in mixing the chemicals used. But soon the windows of Heaven were opened, the floods came and the Doctor, with the rest, found himself out of a job. But the Doctor, being a man of expedients, moved to Oklahoma and married a widow—and never since has had cause to complain of a lack of useful and pleasant employment.

A book published in 1854, describing the trip through Kansas of two agents of the Kansas League of Cincinnati contained this pen picture of Leavenworth: "A squatter city has little resemblance to any other city; it belongs to a distinct genus of cities. This is a large and important one, as many hope, of Kansas, and, therefore, worthy of description. There was one steam engine; naked as when it was born; but at work sawing out its clothes. There were four tents, all on one street, a barrel of water (or whiskey) under a tree, and a pot on a pole, over a fire. Under a tree a type sticker had his case before him and was at work on the first number of the new paper; and within a frame without a board on side or roof was the editor's desk, and the "Notice" stating that the editor had removed his office from under the elm tree to the corner of "Broadway and Levee." This Broadway was, at that time, much broader than the streets of Old Babylon; for, with the exemption of the fort, there was probably not a house on either side for thirty miles."

A Hunter's Paradise.

It is difficult for the average citizen of Wabaunsee county of to-day to imagine a condition of things relative to game production, but a few short years ago as compared with the present surroundings.

In 1818 Captain Martin with three companies of United States riflemen encamped for the winter on Cow Island, a few miles above the present site of Fort Leavenworth, and during that winter the command killed nearly three thousand deer, besides great numbers of bears, turkeys and other game.

In the fall of 1830 while McCoy's surveying party was camped on Stranger creek, but a few miles out of Fort Leavenworth, a herd of elk, estimated to number two or three hundred, was encountered and several killed.

Colonel Gilpin, speaking of "the Great Plains," of which he considered Kansas as the major part, described the country as the home of infinite herds of aboriginal cattle peculiar to North America—buffalo, wild horses, elk, antelope, white and black tailed deer, wolves, the hare, badger and smaller animals innumerable. He also described the Great Plains as swarming with poultry—the turkey, prairie chicken the sandhill crane and curlew; water fowl of every variety, the swan, goose, brant and ducks; birds of prey—eagles and vultures; small birds of game and song; wolves, panthers and wild cats.

On these the nomadic tribes of Indians subsisted from time immemorial. From these he drew his supplies—his food, his lodge, fuel, harness, clothing and bed; his armaments, weapons and utensils. These were his sole dependence from the beginning to the end of his existence. The innumerable carnivorous animals also subsisted upon them.

During the Mexican war when Doniphan's and Kearney's expeditions passed through Wabaunsee county—on the old Santa Fe trail—they encountered numerous herds of buffalo right in our own country and elk, deer and antelope were killed by the hunters every day.

Hon. P. G. Lowe in his address before the Kansas Historical Society, January 14, 1890, speaking of conditions as to game in 1853

says: "The buffalo range was a little west of a line drawn north and south through Fort Riley (established in 1853). East of that line were plenty of turkey, deer and other small game." Speaking of the plains he said that by reason of the perennial pastures the whole face of the country was a continuous park, where ranged the noble buffalo, the antlered elk., deer in the vallies, antelope on a thousand hills and smaller game everywhere.

The turkey roosts upon all the timbered creeks would astonish the best farmer's wife in America.

In 1853 Major Chilton's command found travel blocked with buffalo the whole distance from Cow creek to Fort Atkinson (six miles west of Dodge City). Standing on any high point, as far as the eye could reach a vast moving mass could be seen, making the earth tremble with their tramping and bellowing. It was afterwards learned that the Kiowas and Comanches had actually tried to drive the buffalo from the Smoky Hill south of the Arkansas—in which they were partially successful. The line of drive extended two hundred miles from east to west and they hunted and worked away on the north side of the herds until the great bulk of them drifted to, and across the river.

Colonel W. A. Phillips, president of the Kansas Historical Society, said in 1890, in his address, that in 1866 he had seen several thousand elk in a single herd, and that he had seen immense herds of buffalo cover the landscape, and made it as black as ink, in the early summer time, as far as the eye could reach.

While the Kansas Pacific railroad was being built hundreds of hunters were engaged in killing buffalos, a few being employed by the grading gangs to supply meat for the contractors, but a greater number killed the animals for their hides, leaving their carcasses to rot on the prairies. I have seen the ground so thickly strewn with the bones of dead animals that you could walk for hundreds of yards over the prairie and never touch foot to the ground.

These hunters received the small pittance of one dollar per head and many of these men would kill more than a thousand each during the season.

So outrageous was this wholesale slaughter that General Hazen in 1872 appealed to the government for authority to curtail the nefarious work but his appeals were in vain. The Indians were throwing every obstacle in the way of building and operating the railroad and the argument was used that the killing of the buffalos was necessary to deprive the Indians of their source of supplies, but the department failed to find in General Hazen an advocate of any such methods.

In January, 1872, while a train of cars on the Kansas Pacific was imbedded in a snow drift, a herd of buffalos gathered on the lee side of

the train for shelter from the storm. It was impossible to drive the stupefied animals away by shouting and the locomotive whistle was no more effective. The animals huddled close together with bowed heads and their sides close to the cars waiting for the storm to pass over. Had the passengers been so disposed they could have killed the whole herd from the car windows. Many were frozen to death in their tracks near the train.

The illustration (Buffalo in the Sixties) hardly does justice to actual conditions as they existed in the sixties at points on the Santa Fe trail between the Cottonwood and Cimarron crossings of the Arkansas. Soon after the iron horse had penetrated the "Great American Desert" trains were compelled to stop that the immense herds of buffalo might pass.

In 1857 James L. and Haynie Thomson, father and brother of the author of this book, found plenty of buffalo near the Cottonwood crossing of the Santa Fe trail. The next year, Mr. Samuel Cripps, and brother Haynie, got all the buffalo meat wanted on Running Turkey creek. Here we found them two years later, although on account of the westward and southern movement of the herds we were compelled to go as far west as Cow creek before securing a load of desirable meat. We saw many small herds in McPherson county and my brother, Davis, killed a buffalo near the site of the present city of McPherson. On Turkey creek hundreds of antelope scampered over the prairie, but little beyond the range of our rifles. The graceful animals were filled with curiosity, showing but little signs of fear at our approach.

As to smaller game, chickens, turkeys and rabbits were plentiful here in '57 and for years afterwards. In 1859, my father killed three turkeys with a rifle, all at one shot.

In the winter of 1868 as many as twenty deer were seen on the Dragoon in one herd. Two years later Mr. Squire Cantrill saw ten deer in one bunch on the prairie about a mile north of his present residence in Plumb township.

Mr. Sebastian Wertzberger was the champion deer hunter of the Mill creek valley, killing from five to twelve each year until the aggregate reached beyond the hundred mark. 1873 was the banner year, Sebastian killing twelve that season, besides wounding three he never got. Mr. Wertzberger shot his last deer in 1880. He has several pairs of fine buck horns as a proof of his prowess as a deer hunter.

Mr. Jo. Luty, who lived on the farm now owned by Herman Treu on the East branch, was fond of hunting but killed but few deer. On account of his love for the chase he sold his farm on Mill creek and moved to Montana.

In 1885 probably the last deer on West Branch was killed by the

section men at Volland. In the spring of '93 Mr. James Kettermann killed two deer on the Spleker place and three weeks later Mr. Louis Drebing killed another on the home place near Halifax, probably the last deer killed in Wabaunsee county.

As to small game, such as prairie chickens and rabbits, they were so plentiful in the early days that their presence in many cases was detrimental to the farmers' interests, although not a few were enabled to replenish their scant larders by conditions they saw no reason to deprecate.

While, at this period in our county's history, our people are not boasting of their game supply, jack rabbits are abundant and the common rabbit and quails are plentiful; a few flocks of chickens remain, and ducks at certain seasons, provide our amateur hunters with the means of diversion; although the country isn't the ideal hunting ground it was in years ago our nimrods haven't yet adopted the standard of their eastern prototypes and found sport in the slaughter of doves, meadow larks and pigeons—these are left to the care of boys who find in the plentiful supply an ample field for practice.

But, if not now, Wabaunsee county in the past, as part of the Great American Desert, has been in truth, a Hunter's Paradise.

Mr. J. J. Mitchell, a member of the Eskridge bar, though eminently successful, his path was not always strewn with roses. On first entering upon his checkered career he had an office and in the course of time a client, but his library was built on the limited plan—limited in his case to the massive and well worn lids of the first edition of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, and a volume of the 1868 statutes, minus the binding, the index and a few other appurtenances thereunto belonging. Mr. Mitchell surmounted all difficulties and his success is of a kind that other rising young attorneys might well consider worthy of emulation.



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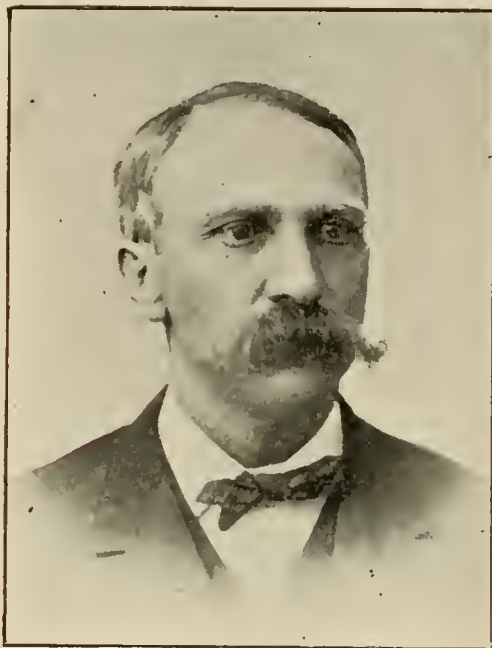


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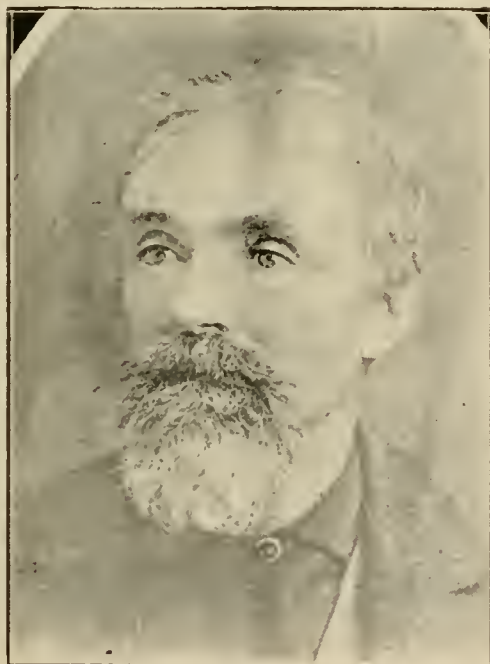
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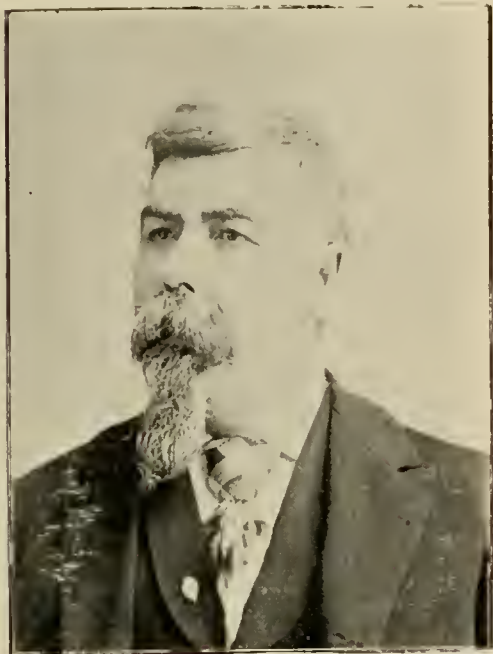


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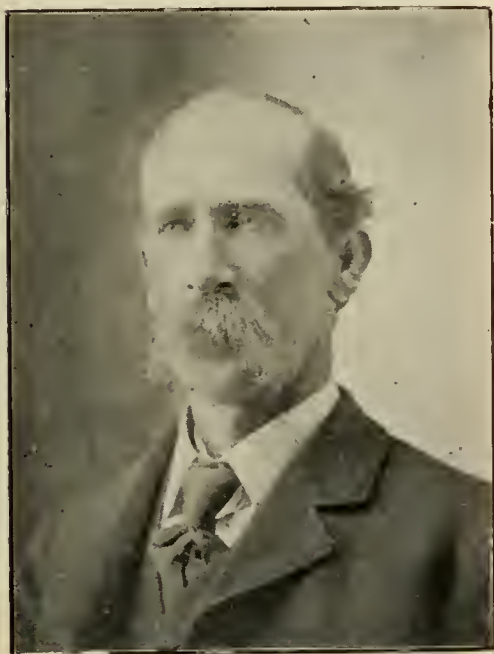
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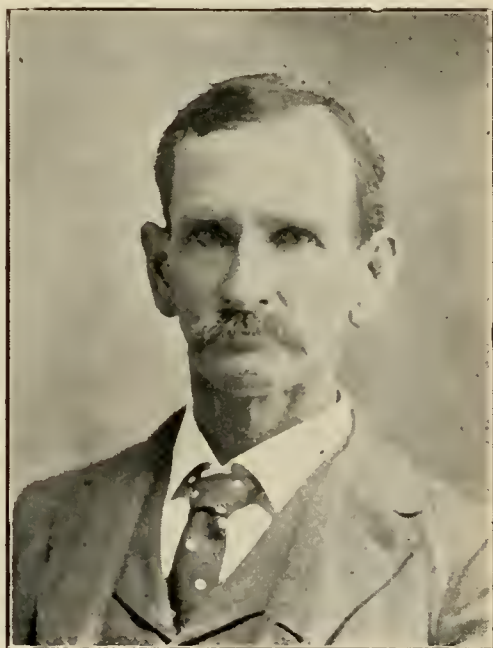
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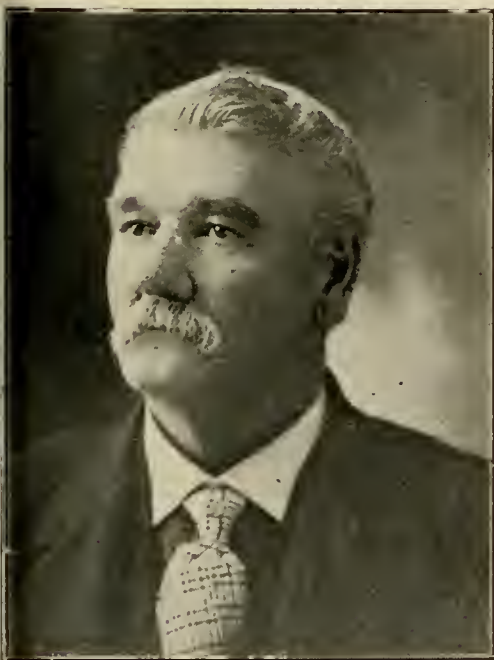
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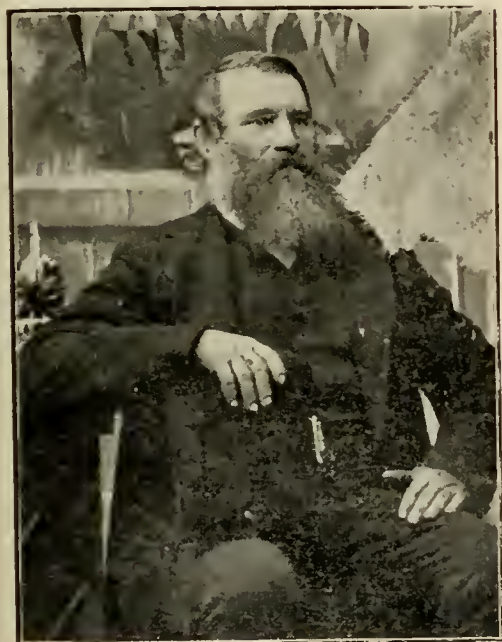
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Pierre, the Capital!

That is what the dispatches said. To the average reader this item is of but little interest, but to the writer this opened up a revelation akin to that bewilderment that startled Rip Van Winkle on waking from his twenty years slumber.

In 1862 the country was shocked by one of the most atrocious Indian massacres that it was possible for devils in human form to conceive. There was a general uprising of the confederated Sioux tribes, and known as the Minnesota massacre. But a large part of the settled portion of Dakota, Nebraska and parts of Iowa were visited by the scourge of devastation at the hands of these human fiends who, in warfare, show no mercy, and have no respect for age, sex, or condition. At Spirit Lake, in northern Iowa, women and children were impaled on sharpened poles and subjected to every indignity possible for human fiends to perpetrate, until death came to the relief of those who had suffered tortures equivalent to a thousand deaths.

Though the powers of the government were strained to their utmost, yet the appeals of the distressed pioneer were not made in vain. In the spring of 1863, General Sully, with two regiments of cavalry, and a park of mountain howitzers, set out on an expedition against the hostile tribes.

Sioux City, Iowa, was the outfitting point. Sioux City at that time was about as large as Alma. It was a dull and sleepy town, but two regiments of volunteers and several hundred quartermaster employes put new life into the dull village. But in a short time the little army moved on up the river past Fort Randall, on beyond the Crow Creek agency, and then to a point opposite old Fort Pierre. The river was low and the little stern wheel steamers made slow work of transporting supplies to the camp opposite Fort Pierre. So for nearly two months the present site of the newly chosen capital of Dakota was utilized as a camping ground for Sully's command. A mile below hundreds of Sioux Indians were encamped, and with them were several squaw men. Of these squaw men, several were chosen as guides to lead the command to the camp of their hostile brothers on the plains farther north. Among the guides was one that has since become famous as "Belden, the White Chief."

That was a desolate country then. Not a dozen ranches were in existence above Fort Randall. Fort Pierre, opposite the camp was not a government fort but merely a French trading post established by a Frenchman, no less wild than the Indians, for the purpose of trading with the Sioux. To "stand in" with the Indians was a matter of necessity, and the soldiers would as soon trust an Indian as these "Par-levoos." But there were no other guides and it was these squaw men or nothing, and to this day the members of the 6th Iowa and 2nd Nebraska cavalry will insist that the ill success of the expedition was due to the treacherous guides.

Pierre, the Capital! And only twenty six years ago the monotonous noise of a military camp was only broken by the braying of hungry mules or the sound of the tom-tom wafted across the river from the Indian camps around the fort.

Pierre, the capital! Pierre with its railroad facilities, and electric lights., and handsome school-buildings, and town lots selling at a thousand dollars per foot. What a change.

Where is Rip Van Winkle? Give him another shake.

"A mass of seething humanity."

"People driving in buggies over the hills north of town to look at property."

That is the way the dispatches read. It is well to give Rip Van Winkle another shake. The wonders that would be unfolded might well cause the old fellow to turn in his grave.

Buggies in Dakota in 1863 would have been as much out of place as a bovine in a china shop.

The only property in that country in those days worth looking after was a man's scalp, and each one endeavored to take care of his own. But driving or riding over the hills to the north in those days would have been a risky venture.

In August, 1863, Sully's command formed a line of march of five columns and moved forward toward the supposed location of the villages of the hostile Sioux.

General Sully, staff and body guard, followed by the mountain howitzers, formed the central column. On either side was a long line of wagons and ambulances, and on the outside of these was a regiment of cavalry—the 6th Iowa on the right and the 2nd Nebraska on the left. A herd of beef cattle, guarded by a company of cavalry, brought up the rear.

In this manner for a distance of 600 miles, the command marched through a hostile country in which the house of a white man had never been seen.

Deer and antelope were frequently seen, and there were buffalo in plenty—and that it will be remembered was east of the Missouri river.

At that time, where buffalo were found, Indians were not far away. The carcasses of buffalo, recently killed, was evidence that the Indian villages were near and that they were engaged in providing themselves with meat for winter use.

On September 3, 1863, the command, with the exception of a battalion of cavalry, had gone into camp after a hard day's march. This battalion of cavalry was scouting in front and had come upon a village of 600 lodges of the hostile Sioux.

The chief scout, La Frombois, had returned to camp, and reporting the near proximity of the Indians, the two regiments were immediately put under marching orders.

Never was the bugle call of "Boots and Saddles" obeyed with greater alacrity. The two regiments of cavalry had been recruited from among the pioneers of Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota, and many of the soldiers had lost friends or relatives in the terrible massacre of the year before.

It was but a few short moments from the time the call was sounded until 2000 cavalry and a battery of mountain howitzers were hidden in a cloud of dust raised in the direction of the hostile camp ten miles away.

The battalion of cavalry scouting for Indians in front of Sully's command was composed of several companies of the 6th Iowa. In that regiment was a company of gray horses, another one of black horses, etc. The black horse company was a part of the scouting battalion.

The Indians, who, by the way, had seen the advancing troops long before their village was discovered, had met the advancing column some distance from the village, and were quick to notice the absence of the white horses. This was evidence to them that only a part of the troops were in their immediate front. There being about four thousand warriors in the village the younger warriors of the tribe were in favor of annihilating the band before the reinforcements arrived, while the older members, men with families in the camp, were opposed to doing anything that would jeopardize the loss of their property, or that would endanger the lives of their wives and children.

The Indians were not asleep. They had seen the scout, La Frombois, leave the command, and suspected that he had returned for the main body of the troops. As soon as this became known, runners were sent to the Indian village with orders to move camp without delay. In carrying out these orders no time was lost, and when General Sully, with two regiments of cavalry came up, there was but one tepee standing in the village. The others, with papooses, puppies and other household belongings, were strapped on the backs of the little army of Indian ponies and were scattered for miles and making good time in the direction of a more healthful climate.

General Sully followed the Indians and overtook the main body in a ravine about a mile from the deserted village, and had he permitted the mountain howitzers to enfilade the ravine, as some of his subordinates desired, but few Indians would have been left alive to render a second expedition necessary. But being more merciful than the Indians had shown themselves, he refused to allow the cannon to be used on account of the slaughter of the women and children who were scrambling along in a confused mass of ponies, warriors, squaws, children and dogs.

Every possible endeavor was made to induce the Indians to surrender. About three hundred took advantage of the opportunity presented to save their property and families from possible destruction, but the majority kept up their hurried flight. This condition of things could not last. A large number of the soldiers had lost friends or relatives by Indian barbarities, and had enlisted that they might inflict on the Indians that punishment they deserved. With or without orders firing began, and the heaps of dead ponies told of the terrible execution of the volleys of minnie balls poured into the retreating mass. Evidence of the panic that ensued was shown in the piles of tepees and camp equipage of every description scattered for miles over the prairie, plainly marking the course of the stampede. It was a flight for life, but the warriors stood their ground, and it being late in the afternoon, they held possession of the field all night, carrying off their dead, and, with but few exceptions, their wounded.

The soldiers lost twenty-two killed and thirty eight wounded. Among the latter was the adjutant of the 6th Iowa, who being wounded in the hips, was compelled to lie on the field all night. Being cold he had pulled over him a buffalo robe lying near.

The Indians, in looking for their own dead and wounded, came across the adjutant, and, finding him alive, thrust a spear twice through his body, cut off his ears and scalped him.*

Notwithstanding all this he lived until the next afternoon, being able to relate to his sorrowing brother officers the terrible scenes enacted around him as he lay helpless on the ground the night before.

At night-fall the command withdrew to a hill overlooking the site of the deserted village where they bivouaced without fire or blankets until the arrival of the wagon train, which was about sunrise next morning.

On the 15th of September, 1863, a Sioux Indian village of 600

* In "Belden, the White Chief," is an illustration in which the adjutant is portrayed as fighting with his sword, the squaws, who, it is related, inflicted upon the adjutant the injuries that caused his death. With the exception of the prisoners and a few of the wounded, the squaws were miles away, looking after their papooses and taking care of their own scalps.

lodges was located on every side of a small but beautiful lake situated near the dividing line between North and South Dakota.

The lodges were of tanned buffalo skins, supported by a frame work of slender spruce poles, brought from the Black Hills. Each lodge afforded shelter for about ten persons.

The country around furnished excellent pasturage for the hundreds of ponies that constituted the principal wealth of the nomadic bands gathered together for protection from the soldiers sent to avenge the wrongs suffered at the hands of the savages the year before. Every movement of the command had been watched for days, and, but for the tell-tale carcasses of the buffalo scattered for miles over the prairies, it is doubtful whether the village would have been found, on account of its secluded site—the hills on every side rendering it visible but a short distance from any direction.

But the commotion in camp showed too plainly of blasted hopes. The camp had been discovered, and the only remaining hope was in flight before the arrival of the main body of troops. There was a hurried gathering in of the ponies, and there was such a confused hustling of household belongings, as they were being packed on the backs of ponies, as was seldom seen in an Indian village.

With the long tepee poles strapped to the sides of the ponies, and the huge wickerwork travois strapped to the poles behind the animals, and a load on the pony's back he was ready to take his place in the line of march.

With hundreds of hands at work, it was not long before the bustling village was a thing of the past. This was an extraordinary occasion, and it was devil take the hindmost. So, long before the arrival of Sully and his command, the least encumbered of the Indians were streaming over the hills toward some quiet nook where the blue coats would not care to follow. But the troops were upon them before the main body of the Indians had reached a point a mile beyond the village. We have told of the fight and withdrawal of the troops to the hill near the site of the deserted village.

It was long and weary waiting in the cold and darkness, but with the dawn of day the soldiers were gladdened by the sight of the advancing train. Ere long the camp fires were lighted and but for the gloom that overspread the camp, by reason of missing comrades, the usual good cheer would soon have prevailed. The last sad rites of burying the dead being performed, and the wounded having been made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances, other duties must be performed. The Indians were hovering around the camp ready to cut off any stragglers that might venture outside the lines. Scouting parties were sent out in search of the Indians, and some of them had no difficulty in finding them. One company, save one man,

left their guns behind them in their hurry to reach camp ahead of the Indians.

Marking the line of retreat, and within a mile of camp, the site of the deserted village, were hundreds of abandoned tepees, buffalo robes, camp equipage, and in fact everything to be found in an Indian camp. Hundreds of arrows, bows already strung, tomahawks, pipes, scalps of women and children killed in the massacre a year before, doubtless preserved as mementoes of some brave, who on this occasion concluded that discretion was the better part of valor.

It was now the soldiers' turn at gathering souvenirs, and many a home in Iowa and Nebraska of today may boast of some Indian relic saved from the torch that was soon applied to the heaps of traps gathered together by the soldiers detailed for the work.

But all were not souvenirs, that are today valued, though they may be of assistance in drawing a pension. Some wounded Indians had been missed in the search of their comrades. One of these sent an arrow through the arm of a soldier looking for curios, and another had a steel arrow head driven into his skull with such force as to require the united strength of one of the surgeons and two assistants to withdraw the ugly missile. It is needless to add that these members of the Lo family were, without ceremony, sent on their journey to the "happy hunting grounds."

Around the camp were hundreds of dogs that had lost their reckoning during the panic and hovered around the deserted village, that was now in the hands of a strange people whom the dogs deemed worthy of a nightly serenade of the most dismal howling.

It was the custom among the Indians to provide the dogs with small tepee kennels for shelter. When on the march the small tepee poles were strapped to the dogs and a bundle strapped behind. Sometimes this was the dog tepee, and again a buffalo robe or some article of wearing apparel, and occasionally the load would be a more precious burden, the idol of the Indian household, the youngest papoose.

Among the bewildered dogs, dozens of them were aimlessly wandering about with their packs still strapped to them and these were shot down that their valuable loads might be secured.

As one of the details of soldiers was gathering in heaps the Indian trappings that the torch might be applied, he saw an object among the weeds growing in the bed of a dry lake which he supposed was a dog with a pack. Thinking to kill the dog that his pack might be secured, he proceeded to the spot and after peering cautiously around he got sight of the object that had attracted his attention, but it proved to be a different animal from that which he expected to find. It was a long object covered by a buffalo robe. From under one end a beaded moccasin protruded and at the other end the rounded form

suggested that underneath that part of the covering lay an Indian's head.

There was the click of the hammer, and a sharp report and another member of the Sioux tribe had gone to join Hiawatha. It was not a soldierly act, but the mutilated bodies of their dead comrades found on the field and the horrible scenes enacted at Spirit Lake, were too fresh in the minds of the Second Nebraska to foster feelings akin to sentiment in the matter of dealing with an Indian.

A new difficulty now presented itself. Fort Pierre was the base of supplies, and that was 300 miles away. The supply of rations was running short and there were 300 Indian prisoners to feed. The only alternative was to draw from the Indians' supply of commissary stores. These consisted of jerked (dried) buffalo meat, and were scattered over the prairie along the line of the stampede. Hundreds of packages of about fifty pounds each were encased in buffalo hides. Ten six-mule teams were sent out and were quickly loaded with these supplies, and it may be said that they were too much relished by the soldiers to admit of the Indian prisoners monopolizing this branch of the commissary department.

The work of gathering these supplies furnished an opportunity to those engaged in the work of saving from the torch an Indian relic that might be considered worth the transportation back to a civilized country. And there is doubtless in many a home in Iowa and Nebraska today relics of the Sully expedition against the Sioux Indians in 1863. The writer has in his possession a wooden bowl of Sioux manufacture that he picked up on the line of the stampede.

In passing over the ground, one of the detail, observing a beautifully painted robe, raised it up with the intention of appropriating it to his own private use. As he lifted it a faint cry came from beneath it—a cry that startled all within the short distance it could be heard. It was the cry of a newly born papoose, that had been ushered into the world amid such scenes of tumult and carnage as are seldom seen. Nothing short of a reign of pandemonium could have caused that mother, though an Indian, to leave her babe on the cold ground, with but a robe for protection from the chilly air of northern Dakota.

The robe was replaced with the intention of having the papoose placed in the hands of one of the squaws among the prisoners, but the same ruthless hands of those, none the less savage in their instincts than the merciless Indians, rendered impossible such an act of humanity.

The little one was deserving of a better fate, and had a mother's care been delegated to a foster parent, future years may have developed the foundling into a useful member of that great family of brotherhood, that can look, with no other feeling than one of abhorrence

on scenes that tend to rob our natures of all that is good, and pure and ennobling, that are essential to fit us for that better life beyond the grave.

Charge of the Mule Brigade.

When the Santa Fe brakeman called out the station at Iron Springs the writer's thoughts were occupied by other things than the sage brush skirting the road-bed through the most desolate section of Southern Colorado. He was thinking less of the rocky basin marking the holes of brackish water with which the weary traveler was, in times past, glad to quench his thirst, than of Pat McCloskey's narrow escape from the "Texicans."

In the Spring of 1864 our lot was cast with twenty other government employes returning from Fort Union, New Mexico, to the "States." Pat McCloskey, one of our party, was constantly regaling the boys with his thrilling adventures, narrow escapes from the Indians, &c. Pat, in his own estimation, was quite a hero, but somehow his companions failed to place so high an estimate on his bravery as he himself seemed to entertain.

While at Fort Union some of the garrison manifested a little uneasiness lest the Texans should treat them to a repetition of the Valverde raid. At the Fort preparations had been made to give the Texans a warm reception and the batteries of light artillery and field guns about the post presented a forbidding as well as military appearance and the boys accused McCloskey of being somewhat cowed by the warlike indications. However, in proportion as the distance from the scene of the probable invasion increased the spirits of our boasting comrade seemed to revive and when we went into camp at Iron Springs the horrid "Texicans" had been forgotten.

But along in the afternoon at a time when the camp had settled down for a quiet rest after the fatigues of the day's march the stillness was broken by frantic yells from the direction of Fort Union. "The Texicans are coming! The Texicans are coming!" The camp was immediately aroused, and looking down the road whom should we see but McCloskey, hat in hand, running for dear life toward camp.

With pallid face and his long hair streaming in the wind McCloskey hardly dared cast behind him a glance to assure himself of the

character of his pursuers—who proved to be a half dozen men with a score of pack mules on their way to Fort Lyon, on the Arkansas. The mules were on a brisk run and being encumbered by such camp equipments as frying pans, sheet iron camp kettles, etc., made quite a din and created in the mind of McCloskey the the impression that two or three regiments of Texans were making a charge on his rear.

Not until McCloskey had arrived sufficiently near camp to enable him to discover the merriment his appearance was exciting, did he realize that he was making a spectacle of himself.

During the remainder of the trip all that was necessary to put a quietus on McCloskey's yarn-spinning was to ask him to tell about "The Charge of the Mule Brigade at the Iron Springs."

Some Farming Experiences.

Five Alma boys can tell all about it. They had experience of a practical kind. It was somewhat limited—short and—well, not very sweet.

A farmer living five miles south of Alma, seeing that the weeds were making inroads into his corn crop, gave it out that a few boys could get steady employment in the business of hoeing corn.

No advertising was done for the very good reason that it wasn't necessary. One boy had heard of the soft snap and he lost no time in communicating the good tidings to his chums. The idea of getting a whole twenty-five-cent piece for such a little thing as a day's work seemed too good to be true, but the boys—five of them—concluded to go out and investigate.

Vivid pictures of big piles of corn flitted before the honest farmer's eyes as the boys lined up for inspection before him.

Yes, they all wanted work. Each of the boys had a good home in Alma, but in the city no means is provided by which boys can properly exercise their muscle. In town is a poor place for a boy to work off his surplus energy, and the boys had come to the country to lend a helping hand in saving the crops for and in consideration of the sum of twenty-five cents a day, per capita.

There were five boys but not enough hoes to go around. But so small a matter could be easily remedied. A boy could ride to town and get a hoe. That was the easiest job he ever had. But using the

hoe was different. An hour and a half cutting weeds with that hoe convinced that party that the whole farming business was a grinding monopoly, and pitching the hoe into a clump of weeds our would-be farmer made a break for Alma, where the city hires a man for the special purpose of attending to the weed cutting business.

Boy No. 2 worked a full half hour and then gave up—not the ghost, but his job, for the better one he left at home.

Boy No. 3 after working fifteen minutes broke his hoe-handle. The farmer put in another, but when he looked for that boy there was a big vacant spot that a few minutes before had been occupied by a 65-pound would-be farmer.

Boy No. 4 only came to look on to see how he would like it. He liked it. Work was a good thing, but he was generous to a fault, so he left the whole job to be divided among the other boys—just as they saw fit.

But boy No. 5 beat the record. He stayed five whole days. He had just as hard a job at home and there wasn't any twenty-five cents a day in it either, and that is why he stuck to it so long.

When the boy who had worked an hour and a half returned home he had a dismal story to tell of the farmer's hard lot—and it wasn't in the cow-lot, either—where he said a part of his duty was to milk three cows—two more than at home.

It was to his mother he went with his grievance—of how the boys had to work in the hot sun—of how they sweat and got, oh, so dirty! And the man said they would have to sleep in the barn and worst of all, they must work there three or four days before he could determine whether or not their work was worth twenty-five cents a day.

In those few long days—or hours—those boys learned more about farming than Horace Greely knew when he wrote his book. Their knowledge was of the practical kind, while that possessed by the renowned Horace was only theoretical.

But the lesson learned on the farm will not be lost. Not one of those boys but returned home better contented with his lot. Each had seen a good deal of the world from a boy's standpoint. He had tasted the bitterness of life's realities and the impression left was anything but pleasant—yet just such experiences are necessary to enable the average boy to better fight the great battle of life after he has once crossed the real threshold.



A Rabbit Farm.

Fake stories of skunk farms, rattle snake farms, frog farms, etc., tend to satisfy the curious, but they usually lack the element of truth. But one doesn't have to draw on his imagination to tell of Alma's first rabbit farm—or rather a little farm on which the chief industry was the raising of the genuine Belgian hare.

To Mr. Fred Meyer is the credit due for this infant industry that antedated by several years the fad of raising Belgian hares that has since spread to every state in the Union.

Beginning in 1895, Mr. Meyer raised on his five acre tract in the north east part of town Belgian hares by the hundreds. Although but little outlay was made for advertising, a large number of shipments were made to parties residing a thousand miles or more from the little farm where the hares first saw the light.

In addition to the number sold for breeding purposes, Mr. Meyer's table was bountifully supplied with dressed Belgian hare, a dish that compares favorably with the daintiest the market can provide.

In 1898 the hares had increased in numbers until about 300 were awaiting orders for shipment or were ready to supply the tables of those desirous of indulging in a luscious dish of Belgian hare.

These hares were about the size of our common jack rabbits, a little darker in color and as tame and playful as kittens. The industry requiring more time and attention than the proprietor felt that he could give to it, the business was closed out—just as the fad was being taken up and the raising of hares had become a source of income to thousands of people unaware of the fact that the initial starting point was at the little town of Alma.

Referring to this farm the Arkansas City Dispatch said in April, 1897: "This is probably the only farm of the kind in the world."

Item in Signal, May 15, 1897: We learn that A. A. Jones has had an experience with a Texas steer that will last a life time—Alf's life-time, we mean. The steer's life is gone—he died of over production—of acquaintanceship with Alf—and his son, Ditto. Ditto is the other name for Sheldon. Alf was in sore straits—as it looked to a man up a tree—that was Sheldon. He had gone to help Alf and concluded he

could do him as much good up a tree as on the ground. The precedent before him was sufficient proof of the correctness of his position—the precedent was separated from Sheldon by a gooseberry patch—and the steer wasn't far away—they never are when they are mad—at least they don't stay far away very long at a time—and that was what was the matter with Alf. The steer was so close he bruised Alf's ribs, skinned his face, and poked his horns through his pants, worked out his pocket book and scattered the contents over something more than an acre of ground. That's what the Star says, and the Star's reputation for truth and veracity isn't to be doubted, unless one wants to get into a scrap, and we don't.

As time advances the advantages presented by Wabaunsee county as a grazing county become more and more apparent. With her thousands of acres of grazing lands, with her wooded streams of pure and sparkling waters and our proximity to market our facilities are unexcelled anywhere, and wide-awake stockmen show excellent judgment in selecting Alma, the center of our large grazing district, as their headquarters from which to direct their operations. But our farmers and merchants share a large percentage of the benefits derived. Their share of the profits from the sale of their surplus grain, supplies and extra pasturage net them substantial returns. Our county has been well named "The Switzerland of Kansas." While the appellation is not inappropriate, the fact remains that few localities anywhere possess greater advantages to men engaged in the cattle industry.

Item in the Signal, July 10, 1897: If you don't believe it rained on Saturday night last ask that McFarland young man how it looked to a man up a tree. The good people down at the McCrumb crossing hearing the roaring waters went down to the crossing where they espied a strange pony with a saddle on, almost convincing them that some belated traveler had gone down in the turbulent waters of Mill creek. But a voice from the tree tops announced that the owner of the voice wasn't drowned but a little bit damp and somewhat chilled from the effects of an involuntary bath. The young gentleman had been making a call that had been somewhat prolonged by the refusal on the part of the rain to stop. In attempting to cross the northern approach to the McCrumb bridge the pony was washed down the stream and the rider saved from drowning by an overhanging limb—enabling the weary survivor of the flood to resume his place as manager of the Rock Island eating house at McFarland.

One of Uncle Sam's Kids.

As Ira Hodgson's experience is but that of a score of Wabaunsee county boys who suffered the pangs of disappointment by reason of being unable to fill the requirements necessary to pass the mustering officer, we tell his story in his own words:

"June 1st, 1861, found me 15 years and 4 months old, and the North and South in a death grapple for supremacy. What was fretting me was that the scrimmage would be settled before I was big enough to join in the scrap. But I wasn't troubled that way long.

My parents' folks—the Morgans and Crittendons—were fighters from away back, and I considered myself one of the speckled hen's chickens, and I wanted to fight too. You don't have to scratch more than through the skin to find the barbarian in the best of humanity, and I was no exception to the rule.

There were about 1100 of the Hodgson family but they were Quakers and didn't believe much in war. But they were abolitionists and would run underground railroads—with colored men as passengers, as a matter of course.

When the war broke out about half of the Hodgson family lived North of Mason and Dixon's line and the other half, South. In the South, every one that was old enough, was in the Confederate army, and they were hard old fighters too.

In the North, although not so many went into the army, still there are scores of Hodgsons that wore the blue that fill unmarked graves in the sunny South.

In 1861 I was presumptuous enough to imagine I was as large as I felt. I thought myself a match for any foe if I just had a gun, so I enlisted.

But when the mustering-in officer came around he told me to step out and go home and stay with my mother awhile before I was big enough to be a soldier. He said they might need me later on.

I never felt so small in my life. It seemed to me as though I settled right down into my boots and could just see over the tops of

them. I racked right out for home. I couldn't stand the rest of them joshing me about being so small.

But if I couldn't do one thing I would try another. So I hired to a wagon-master of a freight train and made a trip to New Mexico and back. Freighting in that day and age was a hard racket for a kid and I didn't grow much on the trip. I measured myself but didn't come up to the standard of a soldier.

In the spring of '62 I was still below the standard, and I took another trip freighting to Santa Fe. I got back August 21, '62, and found the fighting still going on in dead earnest. Each side had found they had a big job on hand. Greek had met Greek.

The soldiers of the hardest fighting nation in the world had met on several bloody fields and had demonstrated that one side had no advantage of the other as far as fighting qualities were concerned. "The American is a foe worthy of any man's steel—let him be Russian, Prussian, Briton or Turk.

The country was needing soldiers and now was my chance. I hadn't got big enough yet to fill the standard, but necessity sometimes compels the government to vary a little in regard to height and weight.

They were recruiting now for the 11th Kansas Infantry, so I just footed it to Fort Leavenworth and enlisted in Co. E. The mustering-in officer scrutinized me pretty close. He said I was pretty small but as I had footed it one hundred miles to enlist he thought I had pluck enough for a soldier if I didn't have the size. So he said he guessed he would have to take me in.

I felt awful proud of being a Kansas soldier then and I can say I have no reason to be ashamed of it yet. The Kansas soldier is one of the best that tramps the earth. He has few equals and no superior. He has been tried on over one hundred hard fought battle-fields and has never been found wanting.

When the war commenced the Kansas soldier had his record to make and he was subjected to a good deal of ridicule and derision from regiments from older states that had former records as soldiers.

But when the war was over the Kansas soldier's fighting qualities were not questioned by either friend or foe.

Well, the regiment was drilled about four weeks at Fort Leavenworth and then we were sent to the front on a forced march—on a four hundred mile trip.

The large boys and men had a good deal of fun at my expense because I was small. They said I couldn't carry a gun, and forty rounds of ammunition, and my blanket and knapsack and keep up on the march. They said I would have to be hauled in one of the wagons or an ambulance.

I had nothing to say but I did a whole lot of thinking. I thought I knew who would have to crawl into a wagon. That spring and summer I had footed it from Fort Leavenworth to Santa Fe and back, and from Leavenworth home, and from home to Leavenworth to enlist, and I thought I knew what walking meant.

The first day out the command made about forty-five miles and the next day about twenty miles. The second day when we got into camp the big boys and men were strung out for about five miles, limping along with sore feet or stealing a ride in the wagons when they could get in.

The next day it was the same, only worse. Then I had the laugh on them. I asked them who had to be hauled in the wagon? I was used to walking and could run the best of them down. But they got all right after they got used to walking.

When we got down into Arkansas we camped close to a rebel woman's house and near our regiment three soldiers belonging to the 6th Kansas—dispatch bearers—were encamped. The sergeant of the squad was a large, coarse looking old man. He went to the house and asked the woman for a skillet to fry his meat in. I was drawing a bucket of water at the well near the door and heard the conversation.

She told the sergeant that she wouldn't lend him anything—that soldiers would lie and steal everything they could lay their hands on. The old sergeant said: "Madam, I am as honest as I am ugly; I will bring your skillet back!" She looked him all over and then handed him the skillet without saying another word.

Thinks I, old man, if you are as honest as you are ugly, your word ought to be as good as your bond. He took the woman's skillet back as soon as he got his meat fried and borrowed it again next morning, again taking it back.

Soon after that my father (Allen Hodgson) wrote me that he had a cousin in the 6th Kansas Cavalry by the name of Jonathan Hodgson and if I ever got a chance I had better go and see him. The first time I ran across the 6th Kansas I inquired for him and when I found him who should it be but the old sergeant that borrowed the skillet. We had a good laugh over the first time we met in Arkansas.

At Pea Ridge we met General Scofield's command going North, but we pushed on and joined General Blunt in North Western Arkansas. In a few days we marched to Fort Wagner in the Cherokee Nation. Here were about 7000 rebels and Indians. General Blunt pitched into them with the 2nd and the 11th Kansas and Rabb's battery. The 2nd Kansas charged their battery and captured it before the balance of our command got up.

When we got there on the run the Indian regiment followed them up and killed and scalped a good many of them. Our next shindy was

at Cane Hill, Arkansas. The rebels were ready for us and had everything fixed. They had a six gun battery in position. The 2nd Kansas, with Rabb's battery and the 11th Kansas were in the advance. Rabb's battery charged up within 400 yards of the rebel battery. The rebel battery was already in position and Rabb's battery had to go into position under fire, and before it could get ready for action it was pretty badly used up. The first shot from Rabb's battery knocked one gun off of the wheels. They done them up in short order when they got at it.

The first man I saw when we came up was one of the battery boys leaning up against a tree with his under jaw shot clean off. We had a running fight through the mountains for about 11 miles. Night came on and that stopped the fight for that day.

We stayed at Cane Hill till the 7th day of December, '62. The 5th day of December, General Hindman made a feint on Cane Hill. On the 6th he renewed the attack. His idea was to fight us there with part of his army and move the main part around on the wire road to Rhea's mills where our supply train was.

Blunt had a scout on that road but neglected his business and let Hindman go around the night of the 6th. We were fighting on picket line all night and looking for a hard battle the next day, but a little after sunrise we heard a heavy artillery fire to the north west.

We knew then what was up—Hindman was after our supply train. As luck would have it, General Herron was on his way to reinforce Blunt and met Hindman at Prairie Grove and then the fight commenced.

Herron had four regiments of infantry and one of cavalry, which with Blunt's command made about 8000 men. When we heard the cannon at Prairie Grove we started on the double quick and got there about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. They had Herron's men pretty badly done up. Hindman had about 5000 reinforcements come onto the field the same time we got in. We could hear Herron's men cheering. When they heard us open on the left they went in again in dead earnest.

It was a pitched battle from then till after dark. Finally both sides fell back. We knew we were badly used up but expected to try it again the next day. We stayed in line of battle all night but we found the next morning the rebels had retreated.

As near as I can recollect we lost about 2000 men, killed and wounded.

The next day we buried the dead and moved the wounded to Fayetteville. The 9th of December we started back to Cane Hill. The rebels had moved their wounded to that place and they we in our lines.

The government furnished them rations as long as we stayed there.

The last of January we started for Van Buren and Fort Smith. From the bluff above Van Buren we could see the streets filled with soldiers. A charge by the 2nd Kansas resulted in the capture of about 300 confederates and the town.

Next we took Fort Smith, capturing three steamboats loaded with supplies. We then returned to Huntsville and thence to Vernon county, Mo.

Another short trip South was followed by a furlough—just in time to join U. S. Marshal McDowell's posse in pursuit of Bill Anderson on his raid through his old stamping ground. Bill got within speaking distance of our sentries near the Cottonwood crossing of the Santa Fe Trail, but he wheeled about and in a few days was back in old Missouri without losing a man.

Was It a Mistake?

On Oct. 3, 1865, a petition signed by H. J. Loomis and nine others was presented to the board of county commissioners, praying for the voting of bonds to the amount of \$100,000, to aid the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad.

The petition was rejected, but a few months later the sum of \$50,000 was asked for and an election ordered—to be held Feb. 24, 1866. But again the proposition was rejected by a vote of 127 to 49.

The Santa Fe was then in its swaddling clothes and in view of the gigantic undertaking it was but natural that the company should seek assistance to enable it to accomplish what then seemed a problem impossible of solution.

Whether or not the residents of Osage and Lyon counties were more far-seeing than ourselves is an undetermined question but at any rate they voted the bonds asked for and secured for themselves advantages in the way of railroad facilities that we might have had for the asking.

Considering the fact that after long and weary waiting we voted nearly three times the amount that had been asked for, in bonds, for a feeder to what has proven to be a great National highway the question

as to the mistake made could be correctly answered only by a reply in the most emphatic affirmative.

Our enthusiasm in the matter of railroads was aroused at an hour detrimental to our material interests, but it came, nevertheless.

Not at Home.

Our short story refers to an occasion when absence from home possibly saved the life of the early settler, who, fortunately, was not at home when the stranger called to pay, what the circumstances seemed to indicate, an unfriendly visit.

In the early days of 1857 the elder Mr. Crafts was keeping batch in the Gilbert house (our first home) on Dragoon creek. He had shouldered his rifle and at the time referred to was sitting on the ridge about a quarter of a mile east of the house hoping to get a stray shot at a deer that frequented the patch of timber near the old "mill pond."

While watching for deer Mr. Crafts kept his weather eye on the house and to his surprise saw an Indian, with rifle in hand, "creeping—in a crouched position—towards the old house—expecting, probably, to find the old gentleman at home.

Cautiously and stealthily the Indian crept toward the cabin. Arriving near the house he appeared to be listening for some sound from within that might indicate the presence of the one whom he was evidently seeking for no good purpose

It is needless to say that the elder Crafts was a close observer as to the Indian's movements and it is more than probable that in this instance the old pioneer derived considerable satisfaction from the fact that more than a quarter of a mile of space intervened between his own person and that of the wily Mr. Lo.

Mr. Crafts often congratulated himself that for once in his lifetime he was fortunate in being "Not at home."



On the Ground Floor.

All are familiar with the story of the agent, who, having sunk a fortune in speculating with his employer's capital held out promising inducements in a "sure thing" by assuring his supposed easy victim that he would be let in "on the ground floor." That is all right, said Mr. Go-easy, but my experience has been of a kind to induce the belief that the ground floor would be a mighty good place but for the — — — that I have invariably found ahead of me in the cellar.

But there is no cellar in the comparison involving the reputation of Charley and Chris Rath for getting in on the ground floor. These two enterprising German boys came to Wabaunsee county in the fifties and at once proceeded to make things come their way. With commendable foresight the boys set about preparing for the influx of that immigration they felt assured would seek out the good farming lands in the Mill creek valley.

With prophetic vision they beheld the conditions that should control in the years to come. It was clear to them that with the advent of prosperity the customs of the people would undergo a change. While in those days a diet of pumpkins was more than acceptable waving wheat fields and cribs brimming full of corn would induce aristocratic tendencies and create a demand for the wherewith to manufacture brown bread and biscuits galore.

The boys would anticipate the advent of the Utopian era by erecting a mill. Before bidding adieu to the Fatherland they had seen the overshot mills of the Upper Rhine and had copied in miniature with a jack-knife what they now proposed to put to a practical test in the waters of Mill creek.

Stone was quarried and hauled to a point on the Droege farm, one and a half miles south of Alma. The wheel was put in place and the day dreams of the sturdy boys were all but realized when the big flood of June, 1858, blasted their hopes of making a fortune in the milling business, forever.

But the young men were not altogether discouraged. They drifted west and with Grifenstein made a good living poisoning wolves on the Walnut—and here is where the boys proved good their proverbial aptness for getting in on the ground floor.

Peacock, with Allison, had made a big fortune trading with the Indians, trappers, and overland freighters, at their trading post at the mouth of the Walnut. They had no banks in which to deposit their hordes of gold other than the sandy banks of Walnut creek and the Arkansas river. Holes were dug within the stockade and here was buried their treasure, taken in exchange for such barter as was acceptable to their plainsmen customers.

But with all Peacock's shrewdness he was indiscreet enough to warn those crossing the plains against the treachery and double dealing of Satank, the terror of the plains in the sixties. Taking offense at the contents of a begging paper given him by Peacock, Satank went with a band of his followers to the ranch and expressed to Peacock the fear that soldiers were coming. Peacock's assurance to the contrary was in vain. Peacock must see. At Satank's urgent request the ranchman mounted the stockade and scanned the horizon with his long spyglass. While looking for the soldiers—with one eye closed—an arrow from Satank's strong bow sank deep in the socket of the other eye—and the life of one of the most daring of the pioneers of the plains went out forever.

Then followed a horrible and indiscriminate slaughter—only one life was spared. A man with the smallpox was not disturbed. Not mercy, but fear of the dreaded scourge, was responsible for the seeming act of lenience on the part of Satank and his minions that day.

In vain the Indians sought the hiding places of the treasure they hoped to find. They prodded the ground but digging holes was too much like work.

Not so with Charley and Chris Rath. True to their punctual methods they were on hand in time and a little digging in the soft sand was easy as compared with digging the mill race while residents of Wabauunsee county.

During the war Charley Rath was a freighter and hay contractor at Fort Dodge and if Rumor is to be credited his good luck dated from his digging holes in the sand on the banks of the Walnut.

The boys had got in on the ground floor.

In the early history of Kansas people adapted themselves to surrounding circumstances. The story goes that three families lived together in a house ten feet square, notwithstanding the generally accepted statement that no house is big enough to hold two women one and the same time. And it is alleged that in this instance that harmony prevailed until one of the families concluded to take in boarders. Then there was music in the air

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MR. M. JESTER, Eskridge.



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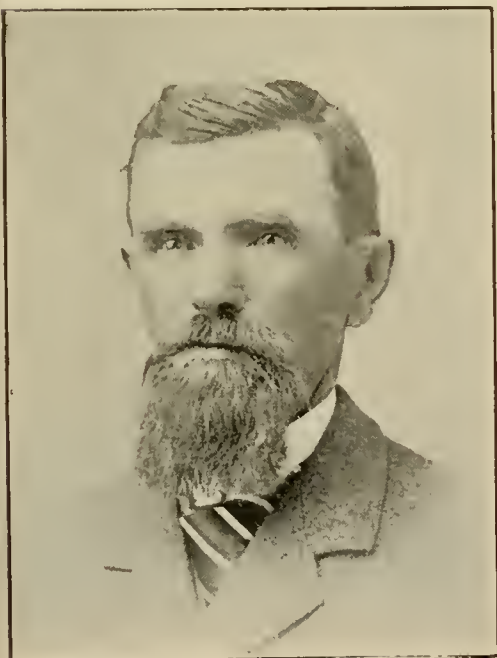
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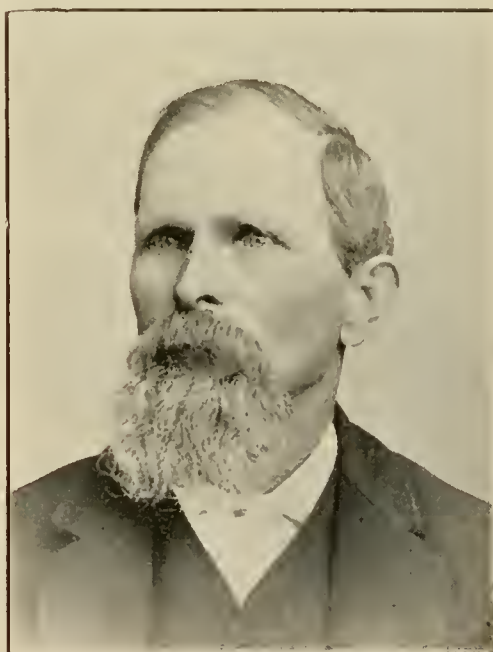
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MR. G. S. BURT, Wabaunsee.



MR. LOUIS UNDORF, Alma.



MR. W. S. WHITLOCK, Kaw Township.
County Surveyor.

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MR. L. J. WOODARD (former Probate Judge) and Wife, Alta Vista.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM DIEBALL,
West Branch.



MR. GEORGE BERROTH (dec'd) and
Wife, Wabaunsee Township.



MR. AND MRS. KETTERMANN,
Near Alma.

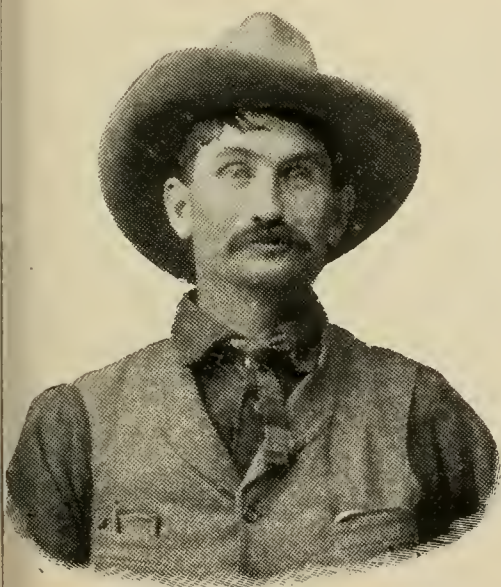
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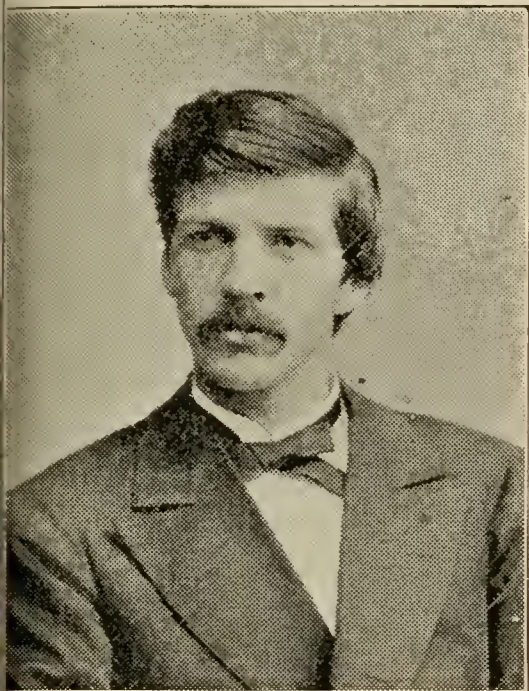


M. E. CHURCH,
Harveyville.



CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
Harveyville.

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DR. ED. F. MOORE, Eskridge.



ORCHARD ON THE FREEMAN FARM, near Bradford.
E. STURDY, Manager.



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MR. HERMAN MESEKE (deceased),
Templin.



MR. H. G. LICHT, Topeka.
Former county clerk.



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EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



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A Pawnee Raid.

In the Spring of 1859 the Dragoon Creek settlement was considerably alarmed on account of a raid from a band of seven Pawnee Indians. The Indians were not looking for scalps particularly, though had the opportunity presented the probability is it would by no means have been neglected.

The Pawnees were deadly enemies of the Pottawatomies and had come into the country to steal some of their ponies. The Indians were afoot, but as they came by Sam Devaney's one morning before daylight they couldn't resist the temptation to take his old blind horse picketed near his log cabin on the slope just east of where Mr. Eli Walton now lives. There was also a two-year-old colt that the Indians couldn't catch, but the colt would follow, thus depriving Sam of his last horse.

A man named McCray lived on the Henry Easter place then and that night his wife was sick. To this fact was due the timely discovery of the raiding Indians. While on his way to Sam Devaney's for medicine he heard the Indians coming. Hiding till the Pawnees passed, McCray, recognizing the horses hurried to Devaney's and gave the alarm.

The sun was hardly up before Devaney had got together three of his neighbors, Sam Harvey, Ira Hodgson and William Beebe, who with himself were soon hot on the trail. Devaney's party were well mounted—on four of the five only remaining horses in the neighborhood—there being but seven horses, all told, in the settlement.

The ground being soft from recent rains the pursuing party had no difficulty in keeping track of the thieving Pawnees. The trail was followed up the creek and over the ridge to the John Copp place—now the Allendorph ranch.

From a clump of bushes near the head of a steep, stony, ravine, a tiny column of smoke ascended. Feeling assured that a scrap was coming the pursuing party made a hasty examination of their arms—and such arms—for three men and a boy to give battle to seven Indian

warriors. There were just two guns and three single-barreled pistols.

But there was no backing out. The boys were after Devaney's stolen horses and didn't propose to return without them. Making for the mouth of the ravine the pursuing party were confronted by the Indians, who had evidently been on the lookout for just such a contingency.

As the Indians emerged from the ravine they began shooting, their first shot being aimed at Ira Hodgson, the boy of the party, Ira being a lad of but 13 years of age. Ira returned the Indian's fire and his shot probably saved Devaney's life, as the Indian dodged as he fired. Though but thirty yards distant every shot fired by the Indians went wild. But the Indians were not so fortunate. As they ran, Sam Devaney shot one big Indian through the lungs and he fell to the ground with a thud. The boys said when the ball struck the Indian's buffalo robe it sounded like a drum.

Supposing the Indian who fell had been killed, the boys gave the other Pawnees a hot chase for three miles, shooting whenever the opportunity offered, but owing to rough ground and brush six of the Indians got away.

Returning to the Indians' camp Devaney and his party found the blind horse picketed out in a near-by ravine and the colt close at hand. They then examined the Indian and though the ball had passed entirely through his breast there was a possibility that with good care he might live. Arrangements were made with John Copp to haul the Indian down to his place and take care of him till he could send word to the Kaws, it never for a moment being suspected that the wounded Indian was a Pawnee.

John Copp made the Indian a comfortable bed down by the hay stacks and sent word to the Kaws to come and take charge of the wounded Indian.

In a few days the Kaws came over—about thirty of them, but John was away. Then for the first time it was learned that the wounded Indian was a Pawnee. The way the Indians took care of him left no doubt on that point—they scalped him alive and left him in his bed by the haystacks.

But John wouldn't have it that way. He followed the Kaws and told them they must return and kill the Indian they had scalped and purposely left to die a lingering death.

But the Kaws were in an accommodating mood and they not only killed the Indian but proceeded to perform the last sad rites after their own peculiar fashion in the case of a dead Pawnee—knowing full well a band of Pawnees would gladly return the compliment should one of their number fall into their hands under similar circumstances.

After cutting the Pawnee's throat the Kaws tied one end of a lariat about his neck and the other to the tail of the wildest pony in the

herd. Then the work of preparing the body for burial commenced. With spear points and sharp sticks thrust into his flanks and rear that pony was soon made to know the part he was expected to play in the program and the demoniac yells from thirty Indian throats caused the pony to put such energy into his movements that when that part of the ceremony was over there were pieces of Pawnee scattered all about the stony hills of Mill Creek, but mighty little flesh left on the bones for the coyotes.

The Indians then cut off the head of the dead Pawnee and used it for a foot-ball, after which they dumped the now denuded skeleton into a ravine and covering it over with stones the Kaws with grunts of satisfaction declared the funeral ceremonies ended and at once took up their march for their reservation.

The six remaining Pawnees had no idea of returning to their villages without a dozen or more ponies belonging to their more affluent neighbors, the Pottawatomies. There was a big village down on the east side of Kuenzli Creek, on what is now the Frank Rickershauser farm, and the hills and ravines were dotted with ponies. The Pawnees succeeded in cutting out a few fine ones, but the Pottawatomies were on the alert and after a running fight of ten miles or more six Pawnee scalps furnished the best proof that the Pottawatomies were amply able to look after their herds.

But there was mourning in the Pawnee villages for the seven braves who never returned.

NOTE.—Mr. John Copp, near whose place the above tragic scene was enacted, was an eye witness to the cruel manner in which the Kaws disposed of their Pawnee victim. What had been intended as an act of kindness on his part proved a sad disappointment to himself and a terrible closing act in the life of the raiding Pawnee. After the opening of the Pottawatomie lands to settlement Mr. Copp located just north of the Paxico mill. He served several terms as County Commissioner. Mr. Samuel Harvey moved to Colorado in 1876, where he was elected County Clerk of Gunnison County. Mr. Ira Hodgson, the boy of the pursuing party, now lives at Frisco, Ok. Devaney returned to Missouri and Beebe's whereabouts are unknown.



Bill Cole's Last Drive.

"Larned" to the old settler and plain man is a place of historic interest. Of the many thrilling scenes enacted in the vicinity of what was for years the last outpost on the old Santa Fe trail, none was more horrifying than Bill Cole's last drive with the Smith boys.

They were carrying the overland mail from Independence, Mo., to Santa Fe, New Mexico, making the trip of 740 miles one way every fifteen days. Three men, seven mules and a Concord coach or mail wagon, completed the outfit. There were six mules in harness and one for the outrider.

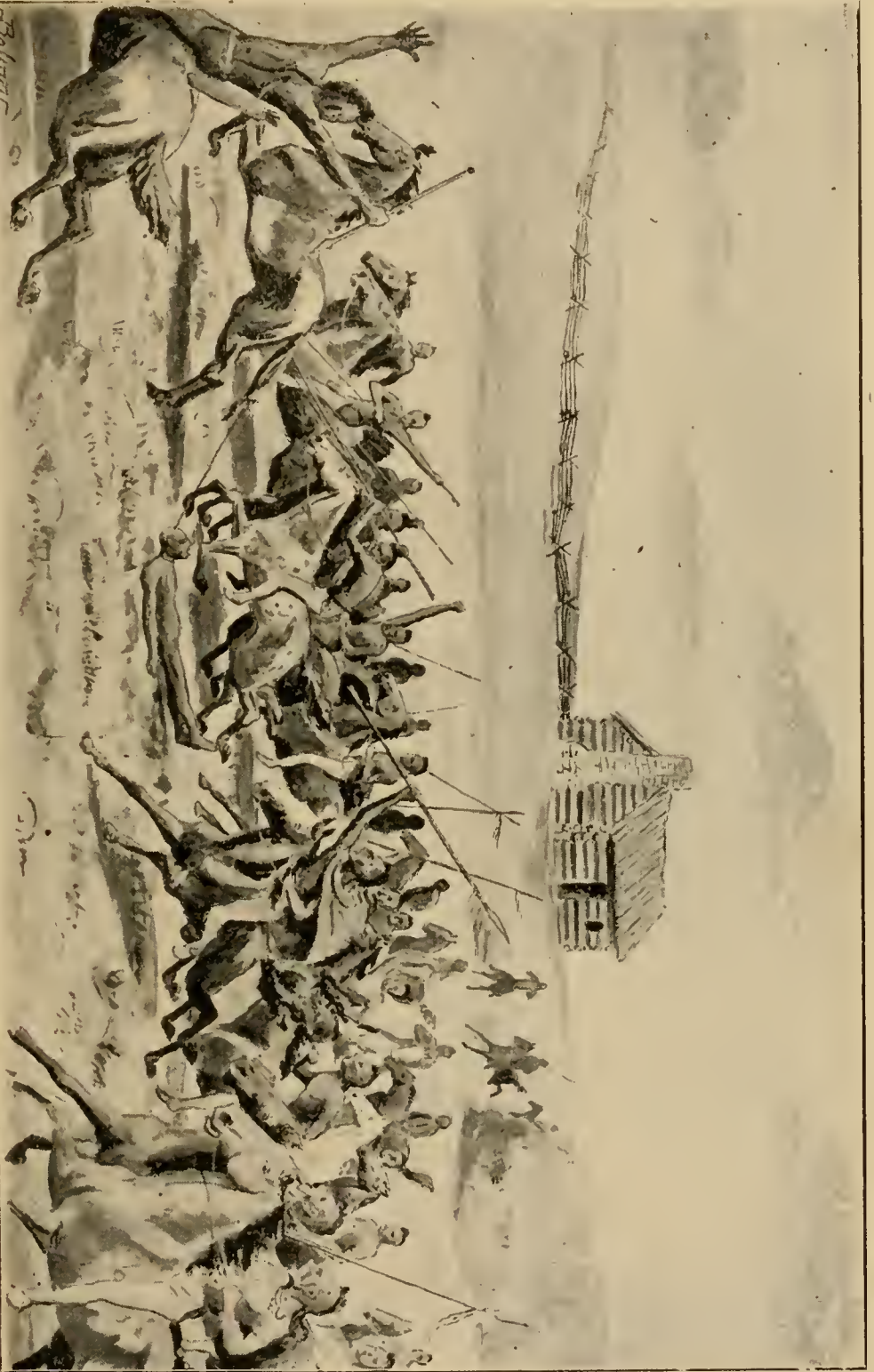
The captain in command at Fort Larned wanted Smith (the conductor) to take an escort, but having made many trips without one and knowing that not so good time could be made with an escort, Smith said he thought there was no danger and started on the long, lonesome drive toward Santa Fe.

But five miles west of the post Conductor Smith had reason to come to a different conclusion if not to regret his refusal of an escort. When least thinking of danger the mail wagon was overtaken by ten or twelve Kiowas in war paint whose actions told too plainly their blood-thirsty intentions. Mike Smith was the outrider and his brother was holding the lines. Bill Cole was taking a nap inside on the corn sacks when he was aroused by the shot that killed young Smith, who fell forward on the foot-board.

An agonizing cry from Mike caused Bill Cole to turn his head that way when a horrible sight met his gaze—the Indians were filling the conductor's body with arrows. Mike with one hand was holding in check his frightened mule and with the other on the shaft of an arrow driven into his body, exclaimed: "Oh, God! Isn't this a hard way to die?" Reeling in his saddle, Mike fell to the ground, wounded to the death and in terrible agony.

Bill Cole, after raising young Smith's body into the mail wagon, grabbed a gun and shot an Indian who was trying to stop the team by grasping the leader by the bridle-bits. The Indian fell from his pony and during the pow-wow that was held over his body Cole jumped from

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SCENE AT MR. JOHN COPP'S (THE FINNEY-ALLENDORPH RANCH), IN 1859.

"With spear points and sharp sticks the Kaws prodded the wildest pony in the herd till pieces of Pawnee were scattered all about the hills of Mill creek, but there was mighty little flesh left on the bones for the coyotes." See page 103.

the wagon and hid in the grass.

The team, by this time, had become thoroughly frightened and was running at full speed across the trackless plain. Their pow-wow at an end the Indians followed expecting to find Cole and in him an easy victim. But Cole was half a mile away and it being about dusk he crawled through the tall grass to Coon Creek and worked his way back to Larned, where he related his adventures.

A detail of soldiers was sent out, the mail secured and the bodies of the Smith brothers brought in for burial. At Larned the boys had thoughtlessly covered their pistols with the sacks of corn, thus placing themselves at the mercy of the Indians.

A school house nearly midway between Larned and Garfield stands near the spot where the Smith brothers met their death. The children whose little legs dangle from the patent seats can hardly realize that within a stone's throw of their play-ground, so thrilling a tragedy was enacted but little more than a score of years ago.

That was Bill Cole's last drive with the overland mail. Twenty years afterward he made another trip to Santa Fe, but this time in a Pullman car and without fear of losing his scalp on the way.

NOTE.—The Smith boys were killed in the Fall of 1859. While part of the family were running the farm on the Dragoon my father had charge of the mail station at the crossing of Elm Creek on the Santa Fe trail. The Smith boys and Bill Cole were old employes of the Overland Mail company and were favorites with all. Their lives were one continued series of adventures and hair-breadth escapes. Although their vocation was dangerous in the extreme, the pay was good, and hundreds of young plainsmen were more than anxious to take their places as employes of the mail company.



Avenged.

On the morning of June 2d, 1859, an Indian bedecked in paint and feathers and mounted on a fiery steed rode down the main street of Council Grove. About the Indian's shoulders was a scarlet red blanket and on it was the imprint of a human hand white as the driven snow.

Something about the appearance of the Indian told the settlers of impending danger. They wondered, but they had not long to wait. In less than a half hour's time a hundred warriors galloped into town and halted in front of Hays' store.

Hays was the leading merchant and the oldest resident, having located at Council Grove in 1847. The Indians looked upon Seth Hays as a chief among the whites and to him they soon disclosed the cause of their strange actions.

A short time before two young men of the Kaw tribe had stolen two horses from a Mexican train passing through on the Santa Fe trail. The Mexicans soon located their stolen property and communicating this knowledge to Hays they left the matter in his hands.

Hays had a big trade with the Indians but more profitable customers in the Mexican freighters and in adjusting the difficulty with the Indians it is probable that he was influenced by his trade relations with the freighters fully as much as by a desire to do the Indians justice.

At any rate he demanded that the Indians should not only return the stolen horses but that the Kaws should give up for punishment the young men who had taken the horses.

To this the Indians objected. They were willing to return the horses, but they thought that Hays was taking an undue interest in behalf of the Mexicans in insisting that the young men be given up, and the chief was in no wise backward in giving Hays the benefit of his opinion.

The Indian spokesman becoming somewhat personal in his remarks' Hays called for his pistols and, with the idea of bluffing the Indians, fired a few shots—into the air.

Whatever his intentions or ideas as to the effect of the shooting, it had a startling sequel. The Indians galloped down the street firing at everything in sight. The result was the shooting of two men—Charley Gilkey, proprietor of the Gilkey House, and a young man by the name of Parks. The wounds were not fatal in either case, but the affair immediately assumed a different phase.

The Indian camp soon disappeared from the neighboring hill, and the whole Kaw tribe, consisting of 400 warriors, prepared for fight. The whites immediately raised 40 men and sent runners in all directions to apprise the settlers of their danger.

The settlers responded to the call and soon the old Mission building was filled with the women and children of the surrounding country, and the men marched, 150 strong, to reinforce the company already organized.

Now it was the young men who did the shooting who were demanded for punishment. One of these was the son of Fool Chief, one of the most influential men of the Kaw tribe, and nothing but threatened annihilation would induce the Indians to give him up.

But T. S. Huffaker, the interpreter, and for years a teacher in the Mission school, told them the inevitable result of their refusal to accede to the demands of the whites. Ten thousand dollars and forty ponies were offered by the Indians to appease the whites and refused. Huffaker told the Indians that already troops from Fort Riley were on the way and it would be useless for the Indians to hold out against them. The Indians, seeing the ranks of the whites being continually increased by new arrivals, and knowing that the soldiers would soon put in an appearance, reluctantly yielded to the demands to surrender the young men who shot Gilkey and Parks.

Soon after being surrendered the young men were hung—without judge or jury—on the north side of Main Street, between the Neosho River and the present site of the court house.

But there is a sequel to this story. Indian justice demands an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. The spark of life had gone out of two Kaw braves, and the lives of two white men must pay the penalty.

The following Summer, Price Perrill, a surveyor living near Burlingame, was surveying lands on Running Turkey Creek, in what is now McPherson County. His dead body was found one day, and the old settlers would often point out Bill Johnson, a pock-marked Kaw Indian, as the slayer of the young surveyor.

Who the other victim was is not even a matter of conjecture, but according to the Indian's idea of justice, when the life of Price Perrill went out the death of Fool Chief's son was avenged.

A Little Unpleasantness.

“Coming events cast their shadows before.”

The coming event in this case was an old-time spelling school, and the shadows—well, there was a good deal of substance in the shadows of the scores of boys who had gathered at the old school house in District 28 one Saturday evening about 17 years ago.

Wallace Allen was teaching the school, and, though his pants were habitually stuffed in his boot-legs, no teacher had won the respect of patrons and pupils in a greater degree than had Wallace.

The house was crowded, and yet there was a crowd on the outside that remained there either from inclination or necessity—perhaps on account of the lack of room on the inside of the little frame school house under the hill.

The exercises had hardly begun—on the inside, when exercises of quite a different nature appeared—to those within—to be transpiring on the outside.

There was loud talking at first, and then hard blows followed. There was no announcement of dismissal by the teacher, but the short order in which the house was vacated would have warranted such a supposition.

That something unusual was going on was apparent to the writer and, as we afterwards learned, not altogether unlooked for by the patrons of the district.

But all surmises were soon set at rest by the appearance, at the door, of the bleeding form of a man borne between two of his neighbors.

Water was called for and offered but the drooping head showed that the loss of blood had been greater than nature could withstand.

The limp form was lifted inside and search was made for the wounds from which the blood was flowing profusely.

A small knife-hole was found in the neck just behind the jaw, but from this the blood had ceased to flow. But a crimson stream running from the left sleeve of the man's blouse told of a more dangerous wound that was soon found.

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It was a horrid, gaping wound. The great muscle of the forearm—the biceps brachialis—had been cut square across and completely severed in twain. On the floor was a pool of blood that was being constantly augmented by the crimson streams flowing from the wound.

The surroundings looked more like a slaughter-house than a school-room. The wife of the unfortunate man, in her white dress all bespattered with blood, presented a distressing sight.

But where is that crowd that rushed out of the school house? In two minutes the place was almost deserted. Save the almost hysterical wailings of the grief-stricken wife all was silent, as the few who remained bent over the prostrate form endeavoring to stay the life blood that was fast ebbing away.

The teacher remained at his post. Old Mr. Blankenship, too, had no thought of deserting his fellow man in the time of dire need. Then there was "Doc" Johnson and Owens. These, with the writer, were all that were left to minister to the wants of the sufferer. With a silken thread and a harness needle the writer of these lines took nine stitches in the wounded man's arm. By this means the flow of blood was stayed, and then for a doctor. At Dover was the nearest, and to Dover we volunteered to go. We had heard of Dover but had never been there. It was down Mission Creek, 14 miles away in a northeast direction, and that was all we knew about it.

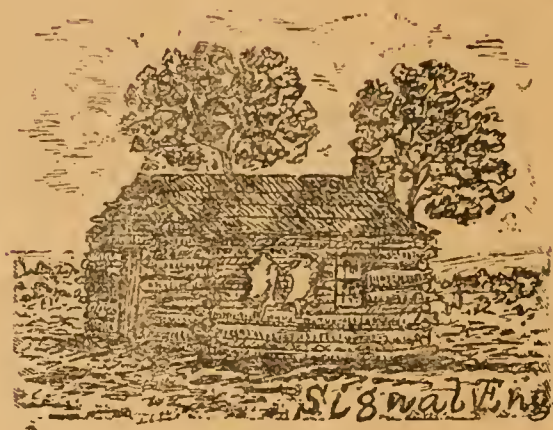
The night was dark and it was 2 o'clock in the morning before we found the doctor. He couldn't go till morning, he said, but with morning Owens came, fearing we had missed the way.

After weeks of care the patient recovered—all but the wounded arm, and if you ask Bob McMasters the cause of his misfortune he will refer back to that little unpleasantness at the little frame school house in District 28, twenty-five years ago.

Frey was convicted of assault with intent to kill, but before sentence was pronounced he took French leave of the sheriff. His wife soon followed and a few years ago he was in Southern Kansas—one of that class of patriots who leave their country for their country's good.



Our First Home in Kansas.



The above cut is a fair representation—drawn from memory—of our first home in Kansas—the log house built by a Mr. Gilbert, of Pennsylvania, on the southeast quarter of section 24, township 14, range 12, in the Summer of 1855—forty-five years ago.

In 1856 Mr. M. C. Wysong, Mr. Robideau and my father, Mr. James L. Thomson, made their home here while improving their claims, the one taken by my father adjoining the Gilbert claim on the south—the land now owned by Mr. Shaw, the Gilbert claim now known as the J. M. Lee farm.

On our arrival on the Dragoon in March, 1857, we found a Mr. Craft, of Ohio, in possession of the Shaw claim and his son with his family living in the Gilbert cabin.

On the payment of fifty dollars—for their furniture—Mr. Craft released all claim to the two quarter sections and moved away.

The log cabin was afterwards sold to Mr. John Cousins and moved to his claim near Eskridge. Being raised a few logs higher it was used by his family as a residence until the stone house in which he now lives was built.

Infant Industries.

On the side of the old log house are to be seen two wolf skins—stretched out on the side of the house to dry.

They were not put there to fill out the picture, but because a picture of the old house would be incomplete without them.

In 1857 Tip died. Tip was an ox, and with his flesh we replenished the family larder. In what was left of the carcass homeopathic doses of strychnine were deposited, and when the wolves had partaken of lunch they would give up their ghosts, and their hides would be taken as a slight remuneration for the hideous concerts they would give unbidden to ungrateful auditors.

Each morning, for a week or more, we boys would go out and prospect for dead wolves. One morning we—Henry and I—found a wolf that wasn't as dead as he might be. He could wobble along but his gait was rather unsteady—about like that of a man three sheets in the wind—one who had indulged in too much tanglefoot.

The wolf's feet seemed tangled a good deal. He had had a heavy dose of strychnine but was probably recovering from the effects of the poison.

Wolf hides were worth something those days, and we were more afraid of the wolf getting away with his hide than we were of his wolfship.

But the wolf was getting desperate and he was making strenuous efforts to get out of our presence. He would run a while and then take an involuntary rest—when the spasms would come on. But the spasms were becoming shorter and less frequent and the wolf was getting farther away from his late banqueting place.

As the prospects of the wolf's final escape increased, visions of prospective gain from the sale of his hide diminished in a corresponding ratio. Just then a bright idea seized my brother and at the same time he seized the wolf by the tail.

Then, if ever, was a time for action. He attempted to resent the insult offered in the attack on his rear, but on account of the overdose

of strychnine his wolfship hadn't full control of his body, and we were not an idle spectator to the scene being enacted out on the prairie. We were armed with a stick as much as a half inch in diameter at the larger end. It wasn't a very big club, but large enough to stun the wolf, and an hour later his hide was tacked to the outside wall as you see it.

Wolf hunting for their hides was one of the infant industries of the early days. Dollars were scarce and a few wolf hides brought that which was so difficult to obtain.

The poisoning of wolves for their hides was not an "industry" confined exclusively to the buffalo country. Mr. Samuel Cripps, living on Soldier Creek, killed each year from 60 to 75 wolves for several years, and among these were several large specimens of the gray wolf of the plains.

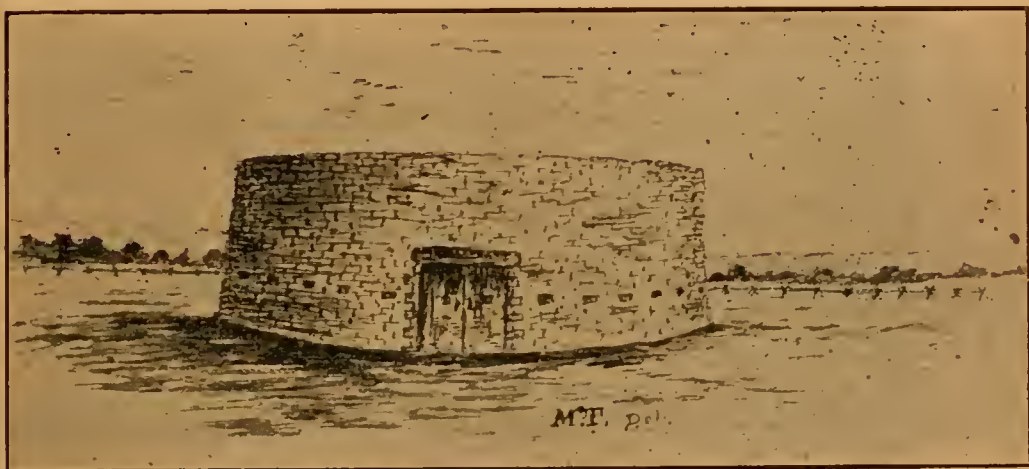
Many others were engaged in the business on a smaller scale, not because they had a liking for the calling but for the better reason that from the proceeds from the sale of the pelts they were enabled to keep the more ravenous wolf—hunger—from the door.



The Old Stone Fort

Shown in the picture was built on the farm of August Wolgast in 1864, in anticipation of a raid from the Kaw Reservation. The school district clerk in his report to the county superintendent that year said: "Owing to the Indian excitement we did not build our school house this year."

Just think of it! Thirty-seven years ago the people were prevented from carrying out their intention of building a school house by the probability of an Indian raid.



The Kaw Reservation was but a few miles distant and while they did not go on the warpath their restlessness was the cause of much anxiety on the part of the whites.

Words of warning had been sent out from the Grove and the commandant at Fort Riley had been called on for troops. One day a company of cavalry on their way to Council Grove galloped by Templin at breakneck speed on the way to the prospective scene of Indian hostilities.

Those who have had any experience in Indian warfare need not be told of the excitement such rumors and incidents are calculated to produce.

1864 was a hard year on the border. The Kiowas and Cheyennes

were on the warpath and the tribes located on what was the border at that time were chafing under what they considered wrongs suffered at the hands of the whites.

The settlers around Templin might well be alarmed. But they would prepare for emergencies and hence the building of the stone fort shown in the illustration.

The site for the fort was a good one. It was about equal distances from the homes of Wolgast, Arndt and Lehmberg and Fetting's was not far away. Here the families slept at night and to this stone fort they would rally in case of an attack from the Indians.

But the Indians were too discreet to make an attack. Turbulent spirits like Bill Johnson were anxious to involve the tribe in a war with the whites but the peace sentiment prevailed and the walls of the stone fort never felt the force of Indian bullets. But many a day after the excitement had passed away, the children about Templin would gather together and have a good time with their dolls and other playthings keeping house in the old stone fort.

Kindness Remembered.

If our readers will take a look at the log house they will not be rewarded by the sight of two Indians—an old man and his young squaw wife. The Indians are not in the picture but had you been in the neighborhood in April, 1857, you might have seen what caused the goose flesh to raise up and little chills to chase up and down our spinal column.

Father, having left us four boys to look after the claim, had returned to Independence for mother. On that day my brothers, having installed the writer as cook, were grubbing a piece of land two hundred yards east of Herb Shaw's present residence in Plumb township.

The log house was located about two hundred yards east of and a little north of the house on the J. M. Lee farm.

Hearing a noise outside, we looked out and beheld the old Indian and his squaw hobbling their ponies, preparing to make a somewhat extended visit.

We would have felt better, perhaps, had our brothers been within call, but as it was we had nothing to do but make the best of the situation. We had seen 14 birthdays and during that time had read a

good deal about the Indians, and among other things we had read that they, like other human beings, could appreciate a kind act.

Then it occurred to us that the proper thing to do would be to set before our visitors something to eat. This we did, and we were not long in seeing that our hospitable reception had struck the right chord, and if grunts of satisfaction from the old man and smiles of appreciation from his young squaw were indications that our visitors were well pleased with their reception then further evidences were unnecessary.

It is needless to say that the pleasant manner in which our kindness was received had the effect of doing away with any fear we might have felt on first being aware of the presence of our Indian visitors.

But they soon departed—over the prairies in a northeast direction—as we afterwards learned on a visit to the reservation of the half-breed Kaws near Topeka.

One evening a few weeks afterwards on returning from the field, where we had been planting sod corn—with an axe—we were surprised to find awaiting us our first dish of fried venison.

Our Indian visitors had returned and with them a boy who could speak English fluently. They had inquired after their former host and had left as a token of their appreciation of our kindness a quarter of venison they had killed on their way from Topeka.

Queen

Was nothing but a dog, and our readers may wonder what a dog has to do with the history of Kansas or of Wabaunsee county. Of these we might ask what a flock of cackling geese had to do with the history of the old Roman Empire.

Yes, Queen was a dog—a Mexican dog. But she hated the sight of a Mexican and there was but one thing she hated worse, and that was an Indian.

It was in 1859. We were hoeing corn in the field one day, when, looking toward the house we were surprised to see eight or ten Kaw Indians with bows strung and arrows in place marching abreast through the yard. They were looking for Queen.

But Queen was lying in an old corn crib—with her back broken—the result of an arrow wound several weeks before.

One Sunday a Kaw Indian and his squaw were encamped a few rods from the house. Following the usual custom of his tribe the Indian came to the house with the purpose of begging something to eat. By means of the gesticulations usually employed the Kaw sought to make known his errand and in order to assist the writer in correctly interpreting his unintelligible language the Indian took hold of the latch of the closed kitchen door.

The Indian had evidently failed to notice the presence of Queen but the dog wasn't far away.

At any rate, no sooner had the Indian's hand been laid on the door latch than Queen's sharp teeth were inserted in the Indian's bare ankles, and when the dog relaxed her hold an ugly wound was laid open.

We applied a handful of sugar and tied up the wound and expressed our regret, in language that, probably, was not understood by the Kaw.

The Indian addressed a few words to his squaw and in a short time her presence with a bow and arrow revealed the nature of his request. He was intending to settle accounts with Queen.

But the squaw had brought a blunt arrow which seemed to meet his disapproval as he picked it up and limped away towards camp. But in a short time he returned—on horseback, and with a steel pointed arrow. Riding between the house and log kitchen—about four feet apart—he reached the kennel, where in a crouched position lay the form of Queen, and before she realized the Indian's intention, the pointed shaft was buried in her spine.

There were but two boys of us at home and but one gun in the house and that unloaded. There were some powder and a few pewter bullets. My brother being maddened at Queen's pitiable condition rammed home one of the pewter bullets and as the Indian and his squaw, mounted on the one pony, rounded the bend of the creek he gave them a parting salute—that did no harm, fortunately for us, perhaps, as it was but a few weeks after that Gilkey and Parks were shot at the Grove for a less provocation.

Marion's First School.

The early settlers believed in education and though they had no school houses at first they would manage in some way to provide for emergencies.

Down in District 27 there was no lack of children and Marion consented to teach the school provided a suitable house could be secured.

An old bachelor named Enoch Colton lived in a log house on section 26 and as he was away most of the time it was thought that the use of his house might be secured until the proposed stone house could be built.

As the rent would help pay the living expenses Enoch readily consented to the arrangement.

Besides the regular exercises the children were each day—at noon-time—presented with an object lesson in domestic economy—furnished gratis by Enoch while preparing the daily mid-day meal.

Building a fire at noon added to the summer's heat made it rather uncomfortable for the children but soon another cause rendered teaching school in the old bachelor's hall anything but desirable.

Marion and the children detected a peculiar and not very agreeable odor about the old log shanty. In a few days the peculiar smell was not only disagreeable but actually unbearable and at last the condition of things rendered an investigation absolutely necessary.

The cause of the trouble was found and with the discovery came the general desire to exchange the bachelor's shanty for more agreeable quarters—so the teacher and pupils adjourned to a more salubrious place.

But we neglected to tell you the cause that necessitated the vacation of the bachelor's quarters. His only calf had departed this life a few days before and the hide that had been stowed away in the loft had arrived at the last stage of decomposition—it was a moving sight hence the moving of the children's quarters.

For further particulars call at the Eskridge Hotel and ask Marion about his first school in District 27.

A Bit of Frontier History

In which quite a number of Wabaunsee County boys took part is found in the history of the Eleventh Kansas. In February, 1865, Col. Moonlight was assigned to the command of the District of Colorado. During the season of storm and sleet the regiment marched from Fort Riley to Platte Bridge, 130 miles beyond Fort Laramie, in the very heart of the Sioux country.

The Indians were on the warpath and in order to keep open telegraphic communication and to insure the transmission of the mails the presence of a military force was necessary.

Headquarters were established at Platte Bridge and this point was made the base of operations. Here Major Anderson was stationed with a garrison of about 110 men, non-commissioned officers and the regimental band included.

About eighty of this number had carbines, but with barely twenty rounds of ammunition to the man. Half of the remaining thirty had revolvers while the others were without any arms whatever.

In the latter part of July the Indians were more than usually demonstrative and among other depredations had cut the telegraph wires on both sides of the station.

Captain Greer and Lieutenant Walker were sent out with parties in different directions to chastise the Indians and repair the lines. Capt. Greer's squad gave the Indians a sound drubbing but the party under Lieut. Walker was not so fortunate. Finding the Indians confronting him in overwhelming numbers he fell back to the station with the loss of one man killed and several wounded.

On July 22nd, the fort was practically invested by the hostile Sioux who seemed determined to burn the station. To render the situation more critical Sergeant Custard, of Co. II, with twenty-four men detailed to guard a supply train appeared in sight about six miles from the Bridge unconscious of the presence of the hostile Sioux.

The howitzer was fired to warn the approaching troops of their danger and in hopes of saving the handful of men from annihilation at

the hands of the hostiles, Lieut. Collins with twenty-five picked men of the garrison was sent to their assistance.

Hardly had Lieut. Collins' party reached the first range of hills half a mile distant from the post when 2,000 hideously painted warriors sprang from their hiding places and charged down on the little band of blue-coats. The soldiers found it impossible to advance. To retreat was the only alternative. After emptying their carbines the little band fought their way back to the bridge as best they could. Every available man was sent to the relief of the hard pressed soldiers, and with the loss of sixteen killed and wounded the remainder succeeded, as by a miracle, in reaching the post in safety. Among the five killed was Lieut. Collins, whose horse, becoming crazed by the demoniac yells and horrid appearance of the hostile Sioux became unmanageable and carried his unwilling rider into the jaws of death. When found his body was literally hacked and shot to pieces and so mutilated as to be hardly recognized by his most intimate surviving comrades.

Another of the killed was Sebastian Nehring. Misunderstanding an order Sebastian had got separated from his comrades and was captured unharmed and when found his body showed every indication of his having been reserved for torture at the hands of his barbarous captors. In his body were seventy-six arrows and his arms and legs dismembered, his heart cut out, scalped, his nose and ears cut off and otherwise horribly mutilated.

Among the wounded was Henry Grimm, who was shot through the leg with an arrow and in his spine a barbed arrow was deeply buried. The surgeon considering the wounded soldier beyond all hope of recovery by reason of his wounds and the loss of blood, refused to remove the steel barb that still protruded from the wound in the spine. But Mr. Grimm pleaded earnestly to have the barb removed and Lieut. Hubbard ordered that the soldier's request be complied with. To the surprise of all Mr. Grimm recovered and though still feeling the effect of old wounds one would never suspect that Henry Grimm, of Volland, one of our wealthiest German farmers and the one who lay wounded nigh unto death at Platte Bridge 35 years ago are one and the same.

Among those who narrowly escaped death at Platte Bridge was Sergeant Adolph Hankammer, of Alma. Adolph was wounded by a spear thrust in the back and another spear cut in the leg and had his horse shot just as the hotly pressed soldiers reached the bridge. Then the horse fell, pinning Adolph to the bridge. But the soldiers had sallied out from the fort and driving the Indians back Adolph's life was saved.

Henry Thomson, member of Co. I. and a brother of the writer was

one of the detail sent out under Lieut. Collins. In speaking of the fight he said the soldiers were in a tight place—the Indians and troops were a confused mass of struggling humanity. The horses of the cavalry were frenzied with excitement and the demoniac yells of the redskins and their superiority in point of numbers, made the delivery from the jaws of death seem a miracle.

During the hottest of the fight the soldiers noticed that all at once the Indians ceased firing. It was afterwards learned that the order was given by the head chiefs of the war party. The order was heard by some friendly Snake Indians who were encamped just outside of the stockade. They thoroughly understood the Sioux language and heard the stentorian voice of the Indian chiefs as they ordered the warriors to cease firing, as they were killing more of their own men than of the whites.

Mr. S. H. Fairfield was one of the party sent out to bury the dead and from his description of the mutilated bodies left on the field, fighting Indians cannot be regarded as a desirable occupation.

The party of twenty-four men Lieut. Collins was sent out to relieve were all massacred except three who swam the river and found safety in the stockade. Of the twenty-four soldiers, seventeen were found in a row, pinned to the ground. The others were tied to the wheels of the wagon where they were burned. All were scalped and otherwise mutilated.

And this was the kind of service seen by the soldiers enlisted from Wabaunsee County. Long will they remember the fight at Platte Bridge.



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Volland, 1901.



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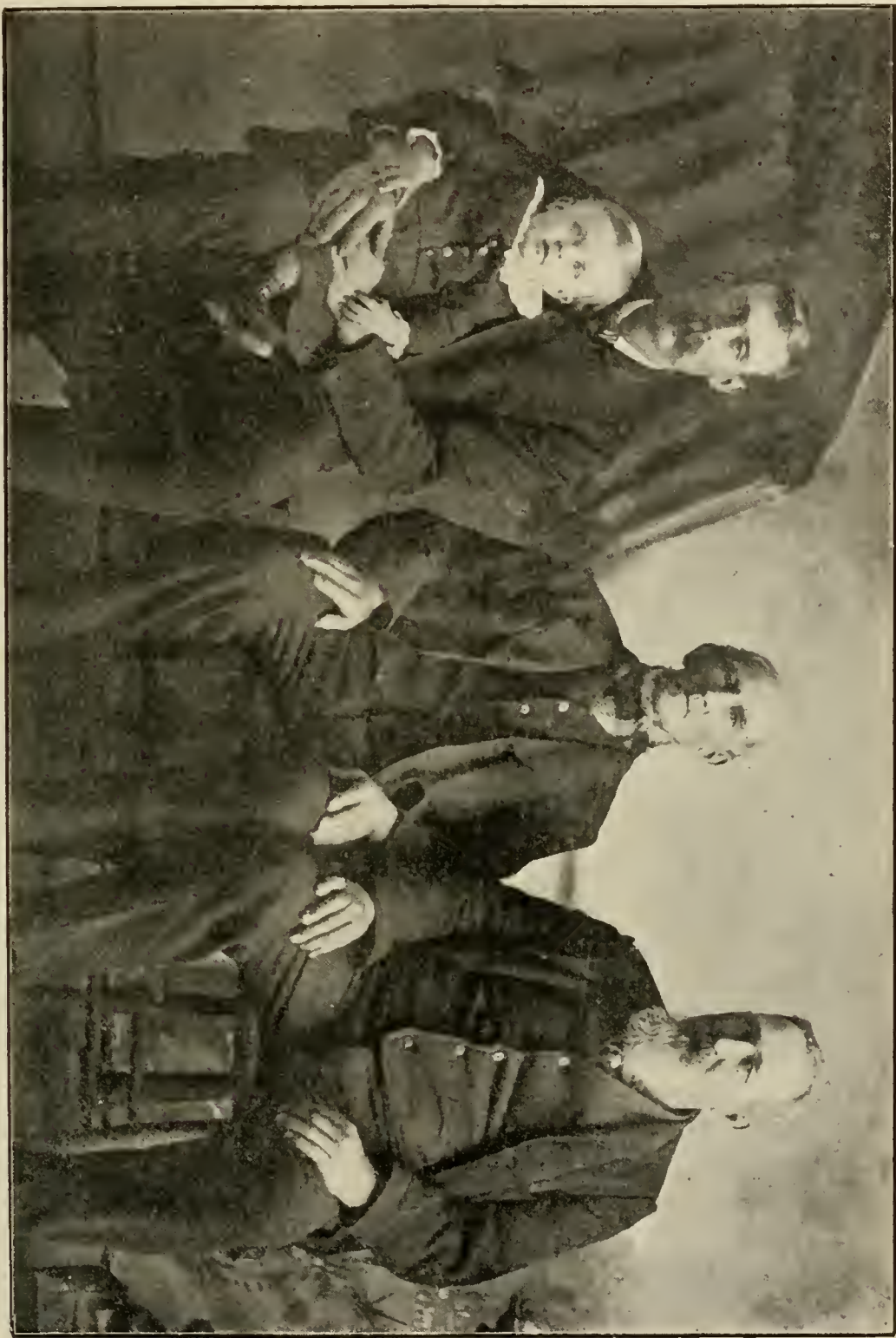


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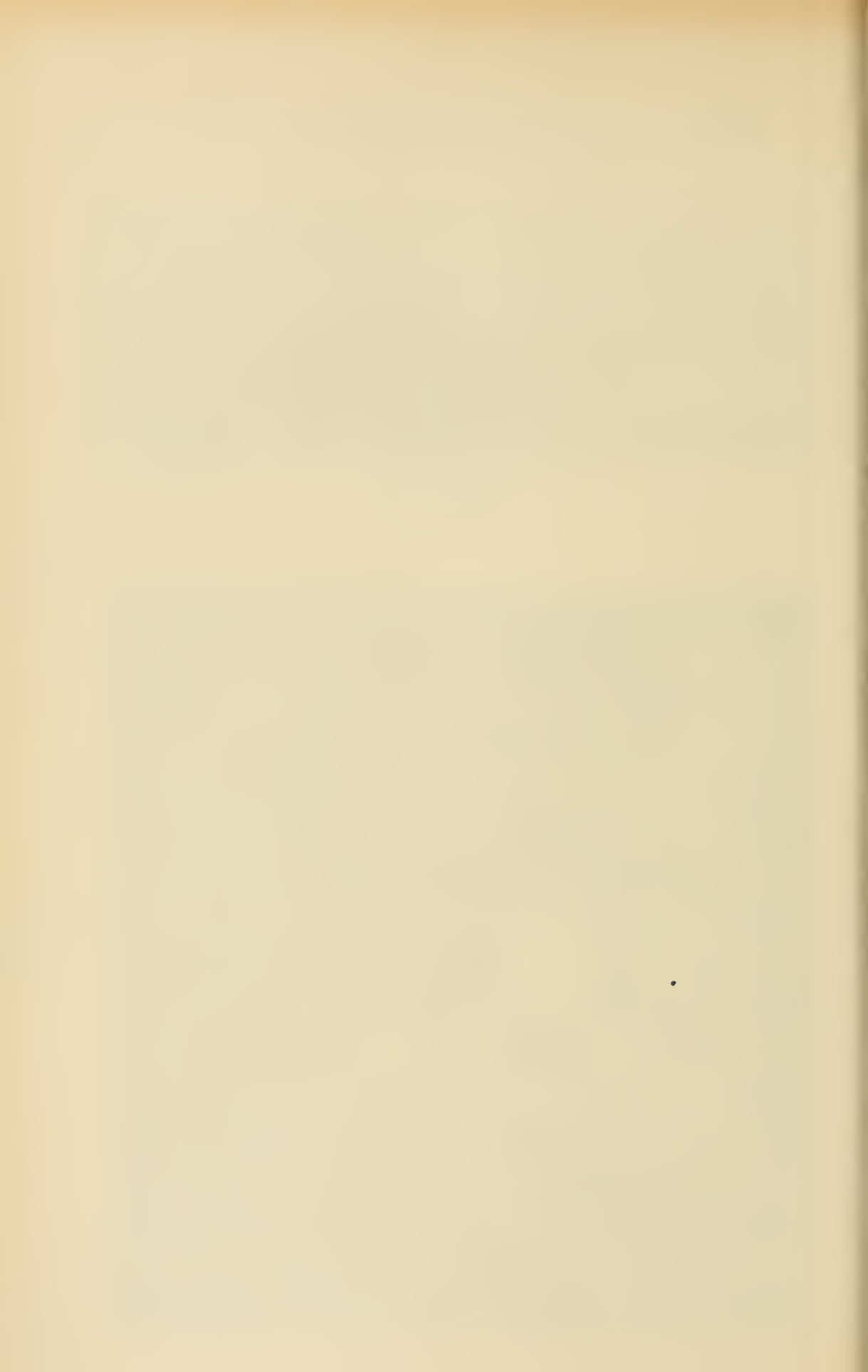
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BUFFALO IN THE '60s.



MR. WALDO G. BURROUGHS AND FAMILY, Bradford.



MATT THOMSON'S ADDRESS

Delivered at the Old Settlers' Meeting at Harveyville,
October 10, 1895---Old Recollections. Etc.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—In early days when good old Mother Dow, who lived over at Wilmington, had revolved in her mind various expedients by which the wolf was to be kept from the door, she put out a sign on which was painted: "Pies, cakes, bread, etc."

The sign served its purpose and many a weary plainsman went from her door happy in the possession of the toothsome morsels purchased from the owner of the little sign-board by the wayside.

But the supply was not always up to the demand. The discrepancy between the hungry followers of the numerous caravans that passed over the old Santa Fe trail and the little bake oven made to do service in the unexpected emergency was too great.

As a result many were turned away disappointed. One day a teamster called at the beck of the sign and asked for a pie. But the last pie had been sold a few minutes before. Then he would take a cake for a change. But the supply of cakes, too, had been overdrawn. A loaf of bread would answer, but the bread, too, was gone. "Then," said the hungry plainsman, "I guess I'll take a little so-forth."

But Mother Dow was equal to the emergency—she brought to the door a huge chunk of cornbread.

A man crossing the plains can't be insulted by an offer of cornbread and the teamster gladly paid a silver quarter for what he would probably have called for in the first place had he thought for a moment it could have been obtained.

While this paper has for its head "Early Recollections, Etc.," it may as well be understood that should I run out of my small stock of recollections I will be compelled to fill in by giving you the benefit of a little "so-forth."

I can only hope that it will prove as satisfactory to you as did that

loaf of cornbread to the hungry teamster making a long drive before breakfast.

Long before Kansas had acquired the name of the Cyclone State our home in Tennessee was laid low by one of the most devastating tornadoes that ever visited any country. The town of Fayetteville was almost wiped out of existence, and among the casualties were five people killed and more than fifty wounded, among the latter two of our own family.

The tornado began the work that brought financial disaster, and like thousands of others we looked towards Kansas for a new home. Next Spring will be just forty years since my father claimed as a pre-emption right the northeast quarter of section 25, township 14, range 12—the land now owned by Mr. Herb Shaw.

During that Summer—1856—Mr. Robideaux, Mr. Wysong and my father kept bachelor's hall in a house on the southeast quarter of section 24, built by a Mr. Gilbert, of Pennsylvania, in 1855.

My father's family followed in the Spring of 1857, finding his claim jumped by a Mr. Craft, his son having comfortably located with his family on the Gilbert claim.

Mr. Craft and his father were carpenters and seeing but little prospect of employment at their trade, were, by the payment of a small sum, induced to release their right to the two quarter sections.

Neighbors were few and the settlements for years were confined almost exclusively to timber claims and the bottom lands. All were absorbed in the duties of home making. Lands were broken, fences built and crops planted.

The season was propitious and all went well till the influence of the malarious climate laid a heavy hand on all. Not a home was spared. In many instances whole families were stricken down—all at one and the same time with the ague—not one being well enough to get for another a drink of water.

Deprived of medical attendance—no physician being near—and possibly lacking proper care, it isn't a matter of surprise that that grim monster, Death, entered the portals of the pioneer home and took therefrom the mother, whose fondest hope was to see her children located mid pleasant surroundings, or the sister just budding into womanhood, or the young man on whom an aged father or mother was dependent.

A mother in Western Kansas being asked why she chose to remain in a country that seemed so uninviting, replied: "Stranger, do you see that little mound yonder? That is the dearest spot on earth to me." Beneath that bit of clay, in Death's cold embrace, lay the little one the mother would have given her own life to save. The spirit had flown, but nature had implanted within that mother's

breast a longing to be near the spot. The place is hallowed and no other place on earth could that grief-stricken mother regard as her home.

As through trouble Kansas found her place among the Stars, so through tribulation the Kansas pioneer founded a home. Of necessities he had but few and of luxuries none. But with years of experience there came about a change. Toil brought contentment, and taking a philosophical view of the situation he no longer sighed for the fleshpots of the land of his fathers.

Like Cortez, he burned his ships behind him. His thoughts of the old homestead were silenced and he took good care of the present that the future might bring enjoyment and independence, and his children to-day are enjoying the fruits of his self-denial.

But you want to know something of the early recollections of one who knew Kansas in the swaddling clothes of infancy. Among these recollections not the least is the fact that Kansas as a place to wear out one's old clothes had no superior on earth. In the early days squirrel-skin caps were fashionable and millinery bills never disturbed either the dreams or the waking hours of the head of the family. No branch of aristocracy—not even of the cod-fish variety—ever found its way into the pioneer settlements scattered along the banks of the Dagoon.

The motive power with the early settlers was a yoke of oxen or a team of horses, the latter a rarity seldom met with. Mr. Jehu Hodgson was the first owner of a team that required a set of harness to hitch them up, and because of his being the better equipped for catching a thief was selected sheriff of Richardson County.

We have a distinct recollection that bee-gum hats were seldom tolerated and only then upon positive proof that the owner had no other—its battered appearance usually indicated that the wardrobe was getting low. Dr. Cawkins wore one as a badge of his profession. Our opinion is that an attempt to drive through the country in a top-buggy would have subjected the driver to mob violence, but we never knew anybody so foolhardy as to try the experiment, and we feel assured that a dude on a bicycle would have been killed on the spot.

Among other recollections of pioneer days is the fact that in the years 1857-58, the pumpkin crop was good and I might say in addition that had stewed pumpkin been eliminated from the bill of fare the staff of life would have been lonesome indeed. Squashes were also much in demand and the statement that they were highly appreciated would be superfluous.

Fortunately for the early settlers the conditions were favorable for rabbits and prairie chickens—that filled the place on the bill of fare set apart for luxuries.

In those days the good housewives along the Dragoon were not worrying about the lack of sugar to prevent the big crops of peaches from going to waste, but not a few looked forward with pleasure to the good time coming when wild onions would be ripe and prairie peas would be big enough for stewing purposes.

The story goes that a man was deprived of the privilege of becoming the owner of a fifteen hundred acre farm that was offered for a pair of boots. But he was compelled to decline the offer of a lifetime, because—he didn't have the boots. For a like reason thousands of dollars were lost by the early settlers of Kansas—because they didn't have the cattle to eat the rich grasses that every year went to waste.

The inclination of some people to make deprecatory remarks should the old reliable M., A. & B. slip a cog by reason of a washout might be checked by the information that old settlers grumbled less who depended on chance to get their mail from Burlingame semi-occasionally or oftener, as the case might be.

Country stores were few and patronized but little—they did a cash business, and of all the commodities in the country cash was the hardest to get hold of. But in wolf hides was found an equivalent and wolf hunting for their pelts was one of the infant industries of the early days.

The poisoning of wolves for their hides was not an industry confined exclusively to the buffalo country. Mr. Samuel Cripps, who lived on Soldier Creek killed each year for several years, from sixty to seventy-five wolves, and among these were several large specimens of the gray wolf of the plains.

Many others were engaged in the business on a smaller scale—not because they had a liking for the calling, but for the better reason that from the proceeds from the sale of the pelts they were enabled to keep the more ravenous wolf—hunger—from the door.

About thirty-seven years ago I had the pleasure of being present at a meeting of the board of directors or the mayor and city council and possibly some of the heaviest stockholders of the City of Wilmington. The prospects of the town were set forth in glowing terms and a grand future predicted. The location of the city at the junction of the two greatest highways on the American continent was considered in itself sufficient to insure the building at an early day of long rows of business blocks, capital for investment would flow in like water through a mill-race; the then financiers would swim in luxury, live in splendor and the conditions furnish to the world another proof that it is better to be born lucky than rich.

But if the founders of Wilmington suffered disappointment, or were the victims of circumstances, other town builders have been equally unfortunate. Indianola, on the military road north of To-

peka, that once aspired to be the Capital of Kansas, was moved bodily on wheels and to-day the owner of corner lots and the was-to-be Capitol square is doing some tall bragging about his hundred-bushels-to-the-acre corn crop.

But Wilmington possessed advantages that Indianola never had—the houses being built of stone were not so easily hauled away, and to this circumstance we are indebted for a permanent landmark that will indicate to those that come after us a point of historical interest—that one day was the business center of Wabaunsee County.

To the railroad is due the elimination of Indianola, and scores of other towns from the map of the state. The Santa Fe road blotted out of existence the old trail as electricity and the bicycle have struck heavy blows at the horse market.

In 1857 my father paid to Mr. James McCoy \$90 for a blind mare and the bargain was considered a good one. Horses are cheaper now, Our Jimmie came to me one day last winter and said he could buy a horse for six dollars. A few days before Santa Claus had brought him a fiddle and I suggested that he strike up a trade. He went out with that fiddle under his arm and in five minutes that horse was running up a feed bill and he has been at it ever since.

We have tried to lose that horse, but it takes two to make a bargain. He knows too well the location of the feed lot. The Bible tells us that the ox knoweth his master's crib. A few days ago we had the good fortune to take in a few bushels of corn on subscription, and circumstances would indicate that the old horse is keeping tab on our subscription list. Though he roams at will nobody will take him up, and a standing offer of immunity from punishment has proven no inducement to anyone to steal him.

One day a man from Western Kansas made us an excellent offer that we refused. He would give us a watch for the horse. The watch had been nickel plated, but the plating was gone. One or two of the hands and the crystal were lacking and the mainspring was out of kilter, but in other respects it was a good watch. The offer was a tempting one but when we looked at some other specimens of horse flesh that he had brought from the drouth-stricken district we concluded that Dobbin was deserving of better treatment than their condition indicated. The Chinaman's belief in the transmigration of souls may be a myth, but the bare possibility should insure kind treatment to the best servant man ever had—the horse.

But this statement is no reflection on the ox—that brought more pioneers to Kansas, ten times over, than the horse. To the early settler the ox was the more valuable. He was too slow of foot to be stolen, was more hardy, required less feed, and when he had outgrown his usefulness as a draft animal his owner could eat him.

But to the early settler the ox was too valuable to eat. Herds of buffalo were not far away. In 1857 my father and brother took their first buffalo hunt, securing a full load of choice meat on the Cottonwood, in Marion County. The following year another hunt was taken by my brother and Mr. Samuel Cripps.

But perhaps a short description of one of these hunts would not be uninteresting now. I participated in my first buffalo hunt in 1860, though my father and myself had been turned back from the Cottonwood by high water and an attack of the ague in 1858.

There were five wagons and twelve men and boys in the company. In the party were Mr. Uriah Sanner and his son, George, old Mr. Odell and his son, Stephen, William Wite, Gideon Baughman, George Barwick, Abe Manning, Mr. Baldwin, two older brothers and myself—I being the youngest member of the hunting party.

Having ox teams the progress was slow, only about twenty miles a day being made. But even at this rate it wasn't many days before the buffalo were sighted. The old Santa Fe trail was followed till Running Turkey Creek was reached. After crossing this stream the wagons turned north, and after a few miles' travel the amateur hunters were gladdened by the sight of their first buffalo—a few miles south of where the city of McPherson now stands.

Abe Manning, armed with a Sharpe's rifle, was the most successful hunter, and to him all looked for a supply of meat for the return trip.

Abe, though a young man, was a Hercules in strength and his power of endurance was wonderful, but for some reason he failed to meet with that degree of success expected of him. He killed a few calves and brought down without trouble the old bulls that were found on the outskirts of the main herds. But the meat of the old male buffalo was tough and undesirable, so we pushed farther westward in the hope of securing better meat. But the buffalo were traveling westward at the rate of about ten miles per day and we gained but little on the herds.

Passing the Little Arkansas we pushed on to the head of Cow Creek. Here we seemed surrounded by the herds of buffalo, but we found it no easy matter for amateur hunters to kill such animals as would make desirable meat.

But the weather was getting cold and rainy with an occasional snow storm, and as it became more inclement the desire to return home increased. As yet but little meat had been secured, though great herds of buffalo were constantly in sight. But relief came when least expected. Encamped on the banks of Cow Creek was a party of hunters who would for 50 cents per head furnish all the meat desired.

My brothers contracted for five head and in an hour's time the

number contracted for were lying on the banks of Cow Creek ready to be skinned. The hunter, a young man of 22 years, had shot them down without moving from his place of concealment under the bank of the creek.

The afternoon and night and the next morning my brothers and myself were busily engaged in skinning and stripping the carcasses of their flesh, leaving the bones to be picked by the wolves and skunks, that infested the country by hundreds.

The following night we camped at Jarvis' Creek on our way home. But during this time the wagons had become separated, each of the original party looking out for himself. But all arrived safely at home after an absence of three weeks without an accident to mar the romance of the trip.

But there were incidents not without interest and though not altogether pleasant there was but little disposition to complain.

On the plain north of the crossing of Running Turkey Creek there were droves of antelope, but our hunters found the game still more difficult to kill than were the buffalo.

While encamped on Cow Creek a band of Kaw Indians broke the monotony of camp life by their frequent visits. Their presence was welcome for the reason that the Kiowas and Cheyennes were at war with the whites and they being deadly enemies of the Kaws the presence of the latter tribe on Cow Creek indicated to us that there was little danger from the hostile Kiowas and Cheyennes.

Eight years later—in 1868—these same Cheyennes swooped down on the Kaws at Council Grove, killing one Kaw and leaving eight of their own number dead on the field.

That we saw none of the hostiles on the trip was probably due to the inclement weather—the Indian realizing as does his white brother that in cold, stormy weather there is no place like home—let that home be a wigwam on the Smoky Hill or a log cabin in pioneer days on the banks of the Dagoon.

It is just 35 years since that buffalo hunt. George Sanner, of Halifax, and myself are the only members of the party now living in Wabaunsee County. Mr. William Wite, I believe, still lives just over the line in Lyon County—on the old Santa Fe trail. Baughman moved to Southern Kansas and Baldwin to Douglas County. Mr. George Barwick is proprietor of a livery stable in Emporia.

The hunt was entered upon more from necessity than for the sport that might be enjoyed.

Old settlers will remember that crops were a little short in 1860. We realized the fact and each member of that hunting party sought to replenish the family larder. It is needless to say that none were disappointed.

It is not so easy now to remedy a shortage in the meat supply, and yet not so very long ago the buffalo roamed over Western Kansas. In 1876, nineteen years ago, I killed my last buffalo—near Grinnell station on the Union Pacific railroad, within two hundred yards of the track. Among those who dined on the meat were Mr. Sam Harvey, his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. Hinton. Sam, with his brother, George, and their father, Mr. Henry Harvey, were the first settlers on the Dagoon, Mr. Sam Harvey owning the land on which we now stand. Sam was then on his way to Colorado, where, after a short residence in his new home, he was elected register of deeds.

It might be well to remind those present that this admixture of facts bearing no relation one to another is the "soforth" referred to.

This address was prepared under difficulties. When a person attempts to condense the events of forty years ago into forty minutes of time, it shouldn't be a matter of surprise should he leave out many items of interest to both the old and the new settlers in Kansas.

In speaking of our buffalo hunt in 1860 reference was made to the fact that crops were short that year. But we raised two acres of Hungarian grass, and we saved the greater part of it. That those who think fit may profit by our experience I will state that the entire crop was pulled up by hand by the roots and stacked—and it wasn't a very big stack either.

From 75 acres planted to corn not a bushel was gathered, but every stalk was cut, tied in bundles and ricked. Hay was hauled from the Sac and Fox Reservation, the grass being undisturbed by stock was from six to twelve inches in height on the bottom lands. The walnut crop was good and the harvesting of the crop was not neglected—but there were more walnuts to the bushel than were ever seen before or since.

Following the drouth of '60 came the war of '61. The drouth had taxed our resources to the utmost, but the war took from the homes of Kansas the brawn and sinew of the country.

The great wave of patriotism that swept over the land carried with it the flower of Kansas manhood. From almost every family along the Dagoon and neighboring settlements one or more of the sturdy sons marched forth to battle for the Union and it appals one to think that almost without exception, those who went from home so buoyant and hopeful never returned.

That was a beautiful monument dedicated at Chickamauga the other day to the heroes of the Eighth Kansas, but it is a mere bauble compared to that of which they are deserving—and it holds but a trifling place in the memory of the father and brothers who for years have borne in silence that grief that cannot be assuaged.

Brothers and sons shouldered their muskets and marched forth to

the music of life and drum—but it would not be for long—so everyone said—a few short months and the white wings of peace would be spread over a united people. But the days grew into weeks and the weeks into months and still the carnage went on. The news would come of a terrible battle and our neighbor's boy is among the killed, another is wounded unto death, and a third is reported missing.

The survivors go marching on, but disease thins their ranks and yet other names are added to the list of those who will never return.

Though a few short lines will not serve to relate the events or portray the horrors incident to war times, they tell all that one needs to know of a period that had as well be forgotten. Memories of the dead heroes are sacred—these we will never forget.

After long and weary waiting the war clouds were dispersed, and as we gather here to-day we would prove recreant to duty were we loth to accord that credit that is due for services rendered our country in time of need. And again would we be derelict in the performance of a duty should we withhold from the early pioneers of Kansas that praise that is their due for transforming the bleak plains into a land teeming with plenty.

It is only by traveling from home—through the states farther east that one is enabled to realize the true value of a home in Kansas.

With a soil unsurpassed anywhere and a climate that will compare favorably with that of any country under the sun the people of Kansas are indeed fortunate.

An eastern man will remind you of that terrible cyclone—two killed and a half dozen wounded—but should you inquire as to the particulars of that terrible mine disaster—in which a hundred or more lives went out in darkness—he will suddenly remember that he has business elsewhere.

Ten thousand people—nearly as many as to-day live in Wabaunsee County—perished in the seething waters of the Johnstown flood. Just think of a Pennsylvanian asking a Kansas man if he isn't afraid he will be carried away in a cyclone! Our cousins in the east with all their opportunities have yet to learn that Kansas as a place of residence has a thousand advantages over Indiana, New York or Pennsylvania.

During the National Educational Association at Topeka in 1886, the work of some of our county schools elicited favorable comment from leading educators from the eastern states, but a doubting Thomas expressed his belief that the children whose work was presented had received their education elsewhere. Even when told they had resided in Kansas all their lives the doubter seemed skeptical.

This is their idea of Kansas. Our people are indebted to the East for all she possesses and for all our people know. But the fact is, the Kansas man is self made. From a condition of poverty he has ad-

vanced by his own efforts to one of independence. As compared with his father who brought to this country all his possessions in a covered wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen, he is a rich man—so far as this world's goods are concerned, and yet he is poor in comparison when viewing the matter from another standpoint. Then there was but little strife and contention and fewer jealousies than now. The people lived on a common level. Nobody was afraid of going over the hill to the poor house. The reminiscences connected with the old log cabin are golden treasures—not stowed away in the garret of memory's storehouse—they occupy the place of honor in the parlor—a word unknown to the old-timer who sat on the bed while warming his toes in the oven.

When the school boy couldn't tell for his life what g-l-a-s-s spelled he was asked what it was they put in the window to keep out the cold. "Oh, yes, I know—dad's old britches and Bill's old hat." Sometimes the old settler's cabin had a window with real glass in it and sometimes not—but in the former case a glass would occasionally get broken—that is where Johnnie got his definition.

As the old colored man said, "If you go by de hoss railroad you'll get dar to-morrow mawnin, and if yer takes de steam kyars you'll be dar mighty quick, but if you takes the telegraph you is dar now."

Thirty or forty years ago ten days' was quick time for a round trip to the Missouri River. Should I reach home on schedule time to-night—12:19—I will have traveled 144 miles and be away from home less than twenty hours—nearly half of which time will have been pleasantly spent at Harveyville. The railroads are often referred to as soulless corporations, but by contrasting our present methods of travel with the old time whoa-haw conveyance one is enabled to appreciate the change.

In this connection I am reminded of two dreary, lonesome nights passed in a covered wagon 8 miles beyond 110 Creek. Returning from Kansas City one of our oxen gave out and my brother leaving me alone to take care of our load of winter's supplies came to Mr. McCoy's for help. Mr. McCoy was at that time the nabob of the Dragoon valley. He had sold his claim in Nebraska, near Omaha, and had more ready cash perhaps than all his neighbors combined. He built what was then the finest house in the country. It now stands where it was built, on the hill about 200 yards west of the school house. It may be a little out of repair just now, and some of the paint may be gone, and possibly it would not strike the casual observer as being ahead of the times, but that was the impression in 1857—the year it was built—a time when a house with more than one room was the exception and the single log cabin the rule.

Nothing was more desired by the early settler than neighbors.

The good claims would be pointed and every courtesy extended to the man hunting for a home. But in too many instances the old settler was the victim of misplaced confidence.

One day a gentlemanly appearing man—a minister, I believe—came along and was favorably impressed with the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 19, T. 14, R. 13. His family would be out soon but for the time he would build merely for pre-emption purposes.

My father contracted to build the house, on the condition that he was to retain the ownership with the privilege of moving the house—when the time came. The size of the house was 5x10 feet, with a door and window and a clapboard roof. The contract price was \$10 in current funds.

A young man slept one night on the claim, went next morning to the land office and pre-empted the quarter section. The house was moved away and held all the corn we raised that year, and room to spare, but the new neighbors never came.

It is presumed that incidents of the early days are expected. A record of the incidents as they happened for the first two years of our residence would be as monotonous as Mark Twain's first diary. He thought he would keep one. The first day's entry was: "Got up, washed and went to bed." The second day he could think of nothing but "got up, washed and went to bed," and so on for a week, when he wisely concluded to postpone the diary business till some future time.

For seven years our home was the western boundary of the Dragoon settlement. In our isolated situation but little was seen of the outside world. In our lonesome condition the presence of a tramp would have been welcome and when a band of Indians broke in on the monotony of the situation there were no regrets.

One day a band of twenty Kaws stopped for their mid-day meal on their way from Council Grove to Topeka. They were afoot and had absolutely nothing to eat and we but little to give. But they were easily satisfied, and while with us taught us a lesson in economy—that we never copied. Stowed away in a box an old Indian found a couple of gallons of shelled corn from which the heart of the kernels had been eaten by the mice—but the solid part of the grain was left, and after being washed and boiled an hour or so formed the basis of a hearty meal for the whole company.

On another occasion a band of fifteen took peaceable possession of the old log house, my brother and I—batching at the time—preferring, on account of the mosquitoes—to sleep outside in the covered wagon. There was a sound of revelry by night—the Indians doing the revelry business. Their proverbial stoicism had departed and they were like a lot of school boys out for a good time. This band also belonged to the Kaw tribe, but they were well mounted and had plenty of provisions.

We treated them well and and when we afterwards met some of the same Indians encamped at Cow Creek while on our buffalo hunt they exhibited unmistakable signs that our former meeting was remembered and our kind reception while batching in the old log cabin on the farm was appreciated.

But the Kaw Indians were not at all times paragons of perfection. In 1860 some Indians stole two horses from a Mexican train and as a result of this two Indians were hung. With the Indians it is an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. Two white men must be killed and when Price Perrill met pock-marked Bill Johnson out on the Running Turkey the wily Indian settled half the score by taking the scalp of the lone surveyor.

As I understand that some of the old time tools and farming implements will receive consideration at the hands of others, I will refrain from touching on that subject and pass on to a brief consideration of what we may expect.

It would be unreasonable to suppose otherwise than that the electric age is but dawning, and, however wonderful the inventions put forward within a few years past may be, more startling developments are yet in store for us.

The question is: to what degree will the inventions be practical? Is it not among the probabilities that before the present generation shall have passed away their present ideas and attainments will be looked upon as crude and they be regarded as old fogies?

Among the many applications of electricity is one that enables the proprietor to feed his horse by pressing a button connected by wires leading to his barn. Pressing another he is enabled to water his stock—all this without leaving his comfortable bed.

Pressing another button he lights the fire in the kitchen. Other inventions are expected to follow, and in a few years one need not be surprised that some inventive genius will patent a contrivance to land in the middle of the floor the cook—should he or she, as the case may be, neglect to get out of bed at the ringing of the alarm clock.

Following the demands of the times Sarah's young man will find himself thrown out of the front window when he attempts to turn down the light. He touches the guage wheel and the electric current will do the rest.

Then some such electrical appliance might be used with good effect at old settlers' meetings and when the audience had been sufficiently bored by some long-winded speaker he could be shut off by simply pressing the button—that would send the electric current to the roots of his tongue and enable him to take a hint.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: While I am glad to meet with you here, I regret that what I have to offer falls below the standard of ex-

cellence gauged by my own ideas as to what ought to be presented and by what was doubtless expected of me on this occasion. I trust that the lack of time essential to the preparation of such matter as would be appropriate will be accepted as my excuse for any shortcomings that may be apparent. However, should I have added in the least degree to the enjoyment of this happy occasion, I shall feel myself amply compensated for my coming. I close by thanking you one and all for your kind attention.

At a Mexican Fandango.

Baile Este Noche (Dance To-Night.) This is the legend—seen in the transparency—that catches the eye of the miner, cowboy, or tourist seeking recreation in any one of the many New Mexican towns dotting the banks of the Rio Grande between Albuquerque and El Paso.

But it must not be taken for granted that only the above mentioned classes are patrons of the fandango. Army officers of high and low degree, civilians of national renown, and others, more or less distinguished have, time and again, from motives widely divergent, perhaps, whiled away many a tedious hour in these much frequented resorts peculiar to our south-western border.

Should you find yourself among those drawn together at one of these motley gatherings and you are a tenderfoot do not deceive yourself by the thought that the secret is your own. Possibly you expressed surprise at such minor incidents as the clanking of spurs on the heels of a vaquero, or that a cow-boy failed to discard his broad-brimmed sombrero during the progress of the dance. Perhaps you observed a disregard of the conventionalities in the scores of pairs of pants stuffed into divers pairs of boots, or in the carrying of a dozen or more braces of army revolvers in as many belts worn by participants in the evening's recreation.

Stranger, or otherwise, unless your eyes are closed to the surroundings, the entrance during the evening, of certain dark-visaged, serapa-enfolded habitues of the fandango will not escape your attention. They are there at the invitation, or urgent request of the proprietor—in case of emergencies—that often come—simultaneously with shooting out the lights—a pastime frequently indulged in by the festive cowboy looking for trouble. But unmistakable indications invariably being sure forerunners of such trouble, there need be no difficulty in avoiding the sequel by noting the surroundings.

Strains of music, by no means faultless, entice the stranger who might otherwise resist the temptation to enter. Besides the much sought for diversion the prodigal son here finds the opportunity to dispose of his substance preparatory to entering upon the vocation of herding swine (or more probably goats) in that far off country where the echo of a father's counsel is unheard, and a mother's parting tears are but a dim memory.

If the music is entrancing, the fact is possibly due to contrast—with the discordant but too familiar voice of the ever-present burro (donkey) or the lowing of kine, or the bleating of thousands of sheep on the range—a burning desire to escape from which might well form the basis for an excuse for accepting any change that offers a diversion from the monotonous humdrum of life on the range.

If the music is attractive to the wayward and absent son in quest of adventure the presence of a score or more of the comely señoritas—fair of form and feature—offers a temptation he seldom permits himself to resist. The dance hall once entered the inclination to indulge in the waltz or schottische as naturally follows as night succeeds day.

The inclination on the part of the prodigal to indulge his heels in their propensity to cut pigeon-wings may in a measure be due to that condition affecting the head brought about by a too free indulgence in vino, cerbesa, or aguardiente (wine, beer or whiskey). As the influence due to an over-indulgence in the beverage that cheers and inebriates increases in potency his feet get clumsy and refuse to keep time. He quarrels with the musicians and orders the proprietor to do his bidding; makes indiscreet remarks to his partner in the dance and requests the floor manager to "talk United States" (English) and finally expresses a determination to run the whole business himself.

At this stage of the proceedings discretion would suggest that the boisterous "Gringo" be taken care of by his friends. His presence at future fandangos, or at the close of this one, depends on just such a contingency. If no friends are present his case may be disposed of in a way that may serve as a warning to others, though not in a manner to be desired by the interests of the principal actor in this particular life drama. If you would inform yourself further relative to the point

in question consult the local items in the "Weekly Gazette." The wording doesn't in the least surprise you—it is just what you had reason to expect. Here it is:

"At an early hour yesterday morning as Don Vicente Romero was going to his place of business on the Plaza he discovered the body of an American, apparently about twenty-five years of age, just beyond the Azequia Grande with his throat cut from ear to ear and a bullet hole in his temple. The outer clothing had been stripped from the body and the crime had evidently been committed for the purpose of robbery. Nothing was found on the body that would serve as a means of identification but it is supposed to be that of a miner down from Silverton for a little recreation. The man was seen at the dance-hall of Ramon Chavez Wednesday night and left at a late hour alone and in a dazed condition. Some of the cut-throats who hang out less than a stone's throw of the Plaza could give us all the information needed to solve the mystery. When they conclude to do so we will gladly enlighten our readers as to the facts in the fourth of a series of murders that have disgraced our city within the past thirty days."

But the cut-throats don't do business that way, and not until the sea gives up its dead will some broken-hearted mother know that her wayward son's death was the sad sequel to a night's carousal at a Mexican fandango.

But who can say that his sad end was in vain? As he lay there in grim Death's embrace who can deny that more than one repentant prodigal resolved before high Heaven to retrace his steps on the downward road? Young men who left the parental home with no more definite object in view than that prompted by an aimless desire to see the world are susceptible to such influences as bring them face to face with the King of Terrors. 'Tis on such occasions as these that their thoughts are prone to revert to the past; when the family circle was complete; when there was in the household a joy that since leaving the home of their youth they have never felt. Such scenes as these beget a longing to return to the father's roof; to the mother's love; to joys which only the companionship of loving brothers and sisters can bring.



A Timely Warning.

"Say nothing. But break camp and don't stop this side of the Smoky Hill. The Indians are going on the war path."

The warning was given in an undertone lest either of the two big Cheyenne women should hear what was said and block the game. We said Cheyenne "women" rather than "squaws" for the reason that the Indian wife of William Griffenstein (Dutch Bill) and her sister were not ordinary squaws in that they were more than usually intelligent, and their dress and refined air lifted them so far above the average squaw that they deserved a better name.

The writer was one of a party of twenty government employes returning from Fort Union, New Mexico, in the spring of 1864. The outfit consisted of two wagons, each drawn by six mules.

We had made the outgoing trip in the winter by way of the Platte and Denver, thence south through Pueblo and Trinidad and were returning by the Arkansas route, and when the warning referred to was given we were in camp at the the upper crossing of the Walnut at which point Dutch Bill had located a small trading post.

Among the Cheyennes Bill was a king as far as his influence with the Indians went. They had implicit confidence in Griffenstein, and whether well grounded or not there was a suspicion that this confidence wasn't acquired by giving away the Indians' secrets.

Not one of our party knew anything about Bill but his reputation and that was better among the Indians than with the whites.

But about a year before another member had been attached to Bill's household in the person of one Phillip Bloch, a young Jew, who was looked upon by his family—the Blochs, merchants of St. Joseph, Mo.—as the black sheep of the family. Philip was bound to see the world from an Indian's standpoint, and at that time was a full-fledged brother-in-law of Dutch Bill, one of the tall sisters being his wife and the other the spouse of Griffenstein.

Two years before Block had made a winter trip to Fort Lyon, on the upper Arkansas, as a pilot of one of those ships of the plains drawn by six yoke of oxen. But he longed for a change, and at the

old stage station at the crossing of Elm Creek, in Lyon County, he found it—not a very lucrative position, but times were hard and rather than run the risk of being drafted into the army or shot he concluded to put in the balance of the winter by working for his board.

Phillip wasn't partial to work, but the neighborhood socials and spelling schools provided the kind of diversion that rendered the situation bearable until the resumption of overland traffic supplied Bloch with the means of changing his base of operations from the dull routine of farm work to the more congenial occupation of driving dull care away in the Cheyenne camp on the banks of the Walnut.

It had been our intention to rest at Dutch Bill's till morning, a fact the Indians seemed pleased to learn. But their hostile demonstrations were anything but pleasing, and this, in conjunction with the knowledge obtained that the squaws and papooses were being quietly moved to some remote fastness of the Smoky, had about convinced us that an Indian war was about to be inaugurated. The indications pointed to this as a certainty, and discretion suggested the heeding of Philip Bloch's warning to get out of the Indian country without unnecessary delay.

The Indians seemed pleased at the prospect of our stay over night on the Walnut, but the conditions were reversed when unmistakable preparations for our departure were made manifest. Where quiet was the rule commotion now reigned and when the two teams ascended the steep banks of the Walnut, our party was confronted by a band of thirty Dog soldiers, mounted on their war ponies and armed to the teeth—as villainous a gang of cut-throats as ever went unhung.

But an Indian reckons the cost before making an attack and no life is so valuable to him as his own. Prospective scalps and plunder on one side and possible casualties on the other are carefully noted, and his day dreams of existence in the happy hunting grounds are never so blissful as to warrant on his part any needless risks that may be mysteriously shrouded in the sequel.

Hate flashed from thirty pairs of Indian eyes, but there were none of the blood-curdling yells that twenty-four hours later were characteristic of the thrilling scenes along the Arkansas. Before nightfall the Cheyenne bottoms had been crossed and a hasty supper disposed of at the crossing of Cow Creek. Then a night drive and a camp in the hills beyond Plum Creek. But before sunrise we were preparing breakfast on the north banks of the Smoky—where Fort Harker was afterwards established.

Hardly was our camp on the Smoky Hill broken before we were joined by the stock tender at the stage station at Dutch Bill's. From him was learned the first details of the desolation and havoc left in

the wake of the death-dealing Kiowas, Arapahoes and Cheyennes. He, too, had a tip from Philip.

But the score or more of freighters, who in parties of two and three met their death at the hands of the Indians that day were not so fortunate. They had passed over the road scores of times before and had never yet been molested, and why not again? But the grass was good and the tomahawk had been raised to avenge the killing of two Indians at Fort McPherson on the Platte two months before.

For four long years war was waged and all this time Dutch Bill and Phillip Bloch were trusted friends if not allies of the bloodthirsty redskins. Griffenstein afterwards settled on the present site of Wichita and acquired a handsome fortune, the greater part of which disappeared when the boom collapsed. Phillip was adopted into the Cheyenne tribe, mastered their language and has for years been employed as government interpreter at Fort Sill. His wife is a woman of acknowledged talent and unbounded influence among the tribes of the Southwest. With all his faults Phillip was not all bad. Like many other young men during the troublous times that marked the Civil War, his duty to himself and others was not quite clear. About the tented field there was a false glamour that tended to obscure the path of rectitude and right. Around the camp-fire of the plainsman there was a fascinating glow that hid from view the better things that lay beyond—in the quiet of the home. Phillip bargained his manhood for these. The best years of his life were devoted to the accomplishment of a purpose that could bring naught but disappointment in the end—a realization that too often comes when the opportune moment is beyond recall.

Phillip's greatest enemy was his own perverted will—that smothered the promptings of his better nature. But with all this he did the members of our party a good service by that timely warning at the crossing of the Walnut in the Spring of '64.

NOTE.—Griffenstein died at Shawnee, I. T., September 26, 1899. He was a political exile, having been compelled to leave Germany for his participation in the rebellion of 1848. For a time he made his home with Mr. G. Zwanzlger and with the family of Mr. L. Pauly, whom he several times visited while mayor of Wichita. His first experience as an Indian trader was among the Pottawatomies. Later he established the post at Walnut creek, and while the Indian war of 1864 was raging he made an extended visit with his old friends on Mill creek, bringing with him his Cheyenne wife. He pitched his lodge or teepee near where Mr. Aderhold afterwards built his residence, camping there for several months during the summer of 1864. He then located farther down the Arkansas, on the site of the present city of Wichita. The palatial residence, perhaps the finest in the city, attracts many visitors, especially those who knew him as "Dutch Bill" at his trading post on the Walnut.

A Raid by Bill Anderson.

"I know it was Bill Anderson, for the moon shone as bright as day and I recognized him under his broad-brimmed hat "

That was part of the information imparted to U. S. Marshal McDowell at Topeka in May, 1863, by a farmer living on Elm Creek. Mr. Giles, a bachelor farmer, had died and at the request of his brother, a Topeka banker, the body was hauled in a two-horse wagon, that the remains might be laid away in the Topeka cemetery.

The weather was warm and for that reason the long drive was made in the night. At short intervals along the old Santa Fe trail the lone driver met parties of horsemen in pairs and trios, and though clad in the garb of plainsmen certain furtive glances that seemed a universal characteristic convinced the conveyer of the gruesome burden that all was not right.

If there had been any doubt on this point the matter was set at rest when the familiar face of Bill Anderson was recognized among the little bands of horsemen wending their way westward on the old trail between Chicken Creek and Wilmington.

Since boyhood Bill had lived with his father at the crossing of Bluff Creek. When the Civil War broke out, Bill, with his brother Jim, Lee Griffin and the Rice boys were not backward in making it known that their sympathies were with the South. Frequent trips had been made to and from their old Missouri home, and after their departure on one of these trips suspicion pointed to the boys as being mixed up in a horse deal.

Lee Griffin was arrested and being brought before A. I. Baker, a justice of the peace at Agnes City, a paper town at the crossing of Rock Creek, was bound over to answer the charge of horse stealing.

Old man Anderson, Bill's father, resented this and with his double barrelled shot-gun proceeded to Baker's house to wreak revenge for the fancied insult to the companion of his favorite son. But Baker shot first and old man Anderson's life went out at the foot of Baker's stairway—in the month of June, 1862.

On the night of July 3d, Bill and a small company of his Missouri friends appeared on the scene and Baker refusing to come out, his house was set on fire and Baker was shot as he attempted to escape through a cellar window from the burning building.

On his way to Missouri Bill called on his old friend, Henry Jacobi, at the mail station at the crossing of Elm Creek, but Henry had no account against Bill and refused to open the door. The curiously inclined may, today, see the thirty bullet holes made in the door by Bill Anderson and his gang on the morning of the 4th of July, 1862. Down at Reading there lives an old gray-haired man of 70 years, and if you ask him why he joined the army he will tell you it was because he thought his chances for life better in the army than to be a target for Bill Anderson and his gang of outlaws.

Bill joined Quantrill and was one of his trusted lieutenants. Ten months had elapsed since the killing of Baker, and lest his old Kansas friends might forget him, Bill concluded to make his old stamping ground another visit. The Elm Creek farmer hauling Giles' body to Topeka met Anderson as stated, and his timely recognition resulted in the formation of a posse by Marshal McDowell to look after Bill and make inquiries as to his business.

Marshal McDowell, with 100 men, stopped at Wilmington, and among others requested to go along for company were Robt. Marrs, Sam Hutchinson, Otho Weaver, Pat Cannon, Mate and Will Hutchinson, Charley Dodds and the writer of these lines, who, in September, 1900, so far as we know, penned the first chronicle of the trip.

That night brought Marshal McDowell and his posse to Council Grove. There we learned that Bill had begun his trail of blood by shooting a woman. At the posse's next camp at Mud Creek, five miles east of the Cottonwood, the outlaws interviewed Charley Dodds, one of McDowell's pickets, and, after getting all the information wanted, wheeled about for Quantrill's headquarters in Missouri.

Anderson's men paralleled the old Santa Fe trail, keeping a few miles to the north, until Black Jack was reached, where the mail was robbed and an army officer barely escaped with his life by concealing his identity. On the way back three of Anderson's men had stopped at Charley Withington's on 142 Creek, laying in a supply of crackers and canned goods, that, it is presumed, a half-hour later, formed the basis of a lunch for thirty of the men who, three months later, were with Quantrill at the sacking of Lawrence.

Marshal McDowell is now a resident of Manhattan, and though past three score and ten is still hale and hearty, and notwithstanding his gray hairs is still depended on in cases where violators of the Federal statutes need looking after by a tried and true officer of the law.

Bill Anderson was shot on one of his raids in Missouri, leaving behind him one of the bloodiest records of the war, while his brother Jim, with an equally blood-stained career, survived the horrors of the strife and a few years ago was living in Texas.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



RANCH HOME OF MR. SAMUEL FIX, Yampa, Colo.



MR. D. M. GARDNER AND FAMILY, Alma.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



MR. AND MRS. FRED STEINMEYER,
Farmer Township.



MR. AND MRS. H. W. STEINMEYER,
Illinois Creek.



MR. AND MRS. ANDREW MAIRS,
Eskridge.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN PETERSON (dec'd),
Eskridge.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



FIVE GENERATIONS.

An evidence of longevity ; also, of a healthful climate.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



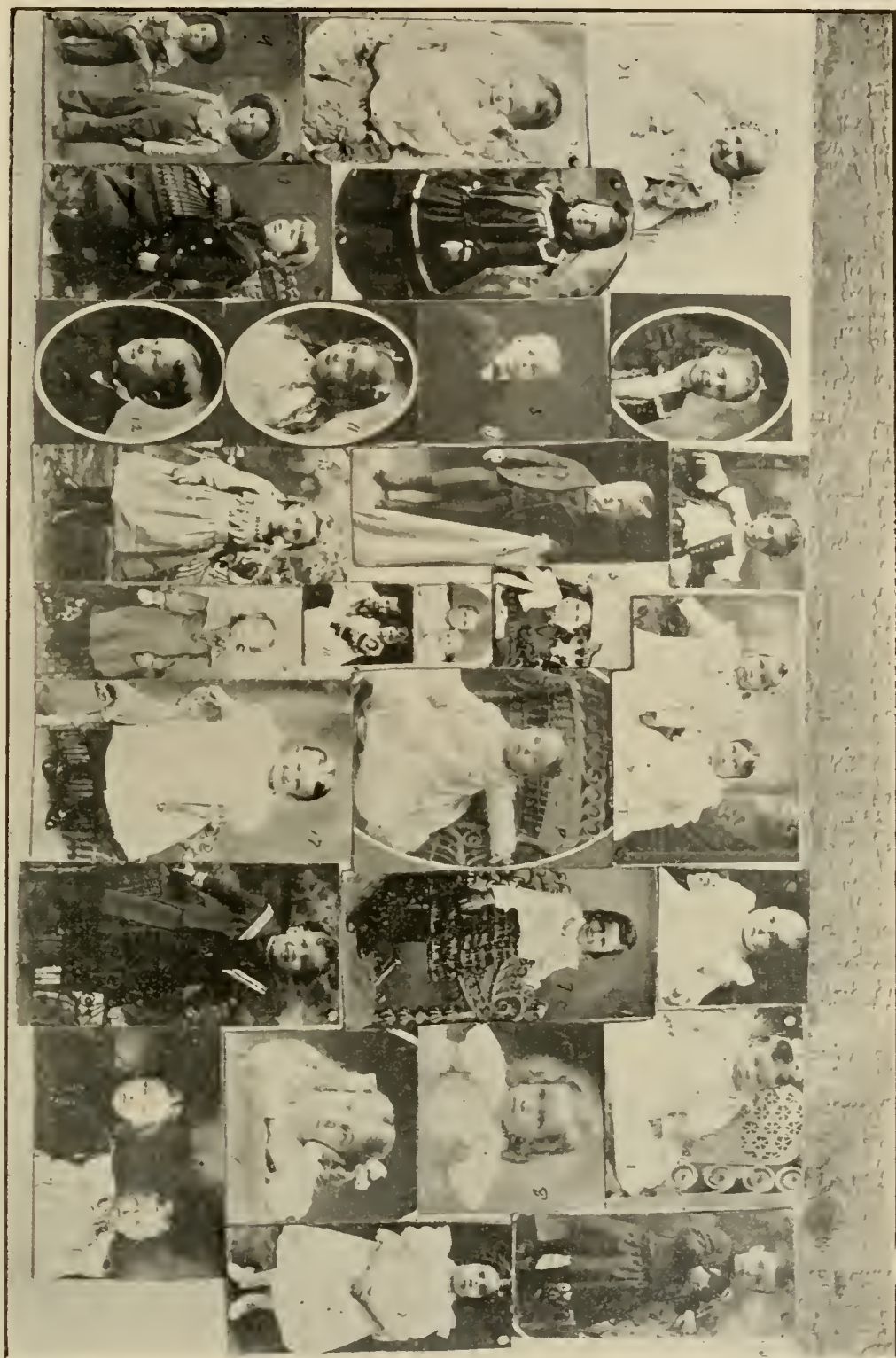
RESIDENCE OF MR. C. C. GARDINER, near Bradford.



FOUR GENEARTIONS. Eskridge. Mr. A. G. BURGETT. Great-grandfather.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.

JEWELS OF THE HOUSEHOLD.



EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



NELLIE BOURASSA, Maple Hill.



ISABELLA MAPLE HILL OLIVER,
Maple Hill.



WEST SIDE MAIN STREET, Eskridge.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



MR. W. H. EARL (Dec'd),
Eskridge.



MR. LOUIS SCHEPP, Alma.



RESIDENCE OF MR. THOS. MANEY, Kaw Township.



EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



Capt. Wm. Mitchell.

S. R. Weed.

Mr. S. T. Perry.

Matt McKelvey.

OLD PIONEERS.



MR. BEAUBIEN'S HOTEL, Maple Hill.



EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



MR. JOSEPH FIELDS.
Former County Treasurer.



MR. MORRIS WALTON (dec'd),
Harveyville.



SCHOOL IN DISTRICT No. 12.
Mrs. Mary Hodgson (*nee* Woods), teacher.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



MR. W. A. MCCOY, Alta Vista.



MR. GOTTLIEB NOLLER, McFarland.



MR. FRANK KRIENITZ,
Painter, Paper-hanger, and Glazier, Alma.



THE FIRST LOG HOUSE

**On the Site of Which, Near Harveyville, \$75,000 in
Spanish Gold was Found by a Preacher, Who Had
Watched as Well as Prayed.**

A robbers' roost is responsible for the first log house built by white men in Wabaunsee county—erected in 1842 in the timber on the banks of Dragoon Creek, near the mouth of Bachelor's branch. Here were the headquarters and rendezvous of as hardened a gang of cut-throats as ever went unhung—organized for the purpose of robbery, army paymasters and treasure wagons of Mexican caravans forming the tempting inducements that drew together this motley gang of outlaws.

The crest of the big mound on the claim pre-empted by Allen Hodgson in 1857, in plain site of the old cabin, as a point of observation couldn't be excelled. From this high elevation every train passing over either the Santa Fe trail proper, or the military road from Fort Leavenworth, could be distinctly seen, the number of wagons determined, and the probable value of the treasure to be secured approximately estimated.

As early as 1770 the Spaniards from Santa Fe and Chihuahua bought merchandise in St. Louis, but in those days pack animals were used, freighting with wagons not being in vogue until Lexington, Mo., had been fixed upon as the outfitting point by those pioneer traffickers, those advance agents of civilization, to whom the "Great American Desert" presented no obstacle they for a moment hesitated to surmount.

Starting from Chihuahua or Santa Fe in the early spring, the proprietor of a train of from twenty-five to forty wagons would consider himself fortunate should he succeed in reaching his eastern destination by the latter part of May or the middle of June. As each wagon was drawn by ten or twelve mules or oxen, there would be from 300 to

500 mules or oxen and from thirty to fifty men with every train. In all cases the men were armed in anticipation of possible attacks from Indians or the more dangerous and desperate gangs of outlaws as those who in the early days made their headquarters on the Dragoon.

Specie—gold or silver—being the medium of exchange, it was necessary that the money representing the purchase price of the goods to be bought should be hauled in one of the wagons. This fact, known to the gangs of robbers rendered caution on the part of the owners essential and the guarding against surprises necessary.

As it required from \$50,000 to \$100,000 to load a train of thirty or forty wagons with the class of goods usually purchased for the Santa Fe trade, and as every train was known to carry a large amount of specie for the purpose stated, it can be readily surmised that to desperate and unscrupulous men any east-bound caravan on the old Santa Fe trail offered a temptation extremely inviting, especially when the probability of punishment for such wrong-doing seemed, at the best, remote, with the chances of immunity from punishment in favor of the robbers.

A few years prior to, and during the progress of the Mexican war, the train robbers were unusually bold and aggressive, and as a majority of the robberies were perpetrated between 110 creek and Big John, it is more than probable that the gang having their headquarters on the Dragoon was responsible for the unlawful depredations.

Several expeditions were sent out from Fort Leavenworth during the years 1842 and 1843, with the object in view of meting out deserved punishment to the daring outlaws, but these efforts by the military were barren of results. By the time a runner could make the trip to Fort Leavenworth and return with a troop of cavalry, the robbers would be scattered to the winds, and not until another raid had been planned and executed would their whereabouts be known or suspected.

In the spring of 1844 a mule train of forty-three wagons, owned by an American, but manned by Mexican drivers, while encamped 200 yards west of Log Chain Creek, near the Wabaunsee county line, was surprised at night, and of the forty-six men, twenty-seven were killed, and the mules, 500 in number, run off by the outlaws, undoubtedly the gang having their headquarters within one mile of the present site of Harveyville.

In one of the wagons was an iron box 18x12x8 inches containing \$75,000 in gold. This treasure box was taken and with the 500 mules represented a fortune—a lost fortune to the owner of the train, who succeeded in getting safely away.

Within forty-eight hours he had ridden to Leavenworth and with a company of cavalry was on the way to the scene of the terrible massacre. But the wagons and harness were all that was left of the

splendid outfit. After burying the dead Mexican trainmen the troops attempted to follow the trail of the robbers with the hope of returning to the owner the treasure box and the mules that he might continue his journey to the States. But the herd had been divided and driven in different directions and after unavailing effort to locate the robbers the Captain with his little band struck westward.

At the Little Arkansas an old trapper and plainsman by the name of H. B. Hobbs offering the most reasonable solution of the problem that perplexed the Captain his services were secured to trail the robbers.

Hobbs reasoned that the outlaws would not dare to take the mules either to the States or to Mexico but to the only place they could find a safe market—that, in his opinion, was Oregon. Taking a north-east direction the trail of the robbers with the mules was struck on the Smoky Hill. Following this until nearly the head of the stream was reached the troops encountered nineteen of the men in charge of the herd of mules.

In the hard fight that followed fourteen of the nineteen robbers were killed. The other five were taken to Fort Leavenworth, tried, and sentenced to the penitentiary at Alton, Ill., for life. The mules were turned over to the owner but the treasure box was missing. As two of the twenty-one outlaws comprising the gang were unaccounted for it was supposed that to them had been entrusted the keeping of the golden treasure. Diligent search was made in the vicinity of the robbery for the iron box but the result was a grievous disappointment both to the officer in command of the troops and the unfortunate proprietor of the train.

In 1857, just thirteen years after the train robbery referred to, Mr. Allen Hodgson settled on the claim on which is located the mound used by the train robbers as their point of observation. At that time there were still evidences of white men having lived north of the Dragoon and east of Bachelor's Branch. The ashes of a log house 14x16 were plainly visible and for years the outlines of the building were plainly marked. There was an old wagon road that crossed the creek north of the graveyard, extending down the creek on the south side.

This was an old road when the first settlers came into the neighborhood. Neither Henry, George or Sam Harvey could give any further information as to the old road than that it was there before them. They said that white men had lived there 12 or 15 years before but who they were they didn't know. That they were white men there was no question. Twenty-five or 30 big oak trees had been cut down for honey—the beeswax still adhering to the trees when the Harveys came. In felling a tree a white man cuts on both sides, an Indian but one. In every case the trees had been cut on both sides.

In a tree cut for a house log by Mr. Allen Hodgson in 1857 a half-inch chisel was found driven through the center of the tree. The number of circles of growth outside of the chisel indicated that fully 13 years had elapsed since the chisel had been driven into the tree.

We are informed by Mr. Ira Hodgson (to whom we are indebted for this interesting information) that while crossing the plains in 1861 he became acquainted with an old plainsman by the name of Tom Fulton who had crossed the "Great American Desert" every year for twenty years or more. When Ira spoke of the old landmarks, Fulton said that was where the train robbers had their headquarters—on the Dragoon, above the Leavenworth and Santa Fe roads. Fulton said that point was chosen because of the proximity to the junction of the two great thoroughfares for one thing and that for several other good reasons it was the best place for their business—it was too far west for white men to molest them and not far enough west for the Indians to interfere with their nefarious work.

Fulton told how the robbers laid their plans—by sending out scouts who pretended to be looking for mules or oxen strayed or stampeded from their train. Then they would ask permission to travel with the train till their own camp was reached, taking advantage of the opportunity to inform themselves as to the number of men, their arms, the location and probable amount of treasure, &c. Of course on the information obtained depended the fate of the train as far as the work of the train robbers was concerned.

In 1859 to 1861 there was much talk among the employes of the Overland Mail Company about buried treasure—somewhere between 110 and Big John—enough, the boys said to make them all rich. They looked for it some but found nothing.

In 1867 a man came out from Alton, Ills., and spent the whole summer looking for this same iron box filled with gold. But in searching for the box he went farther west than the Dragoon, his efforts being confined to digging along the banks of Big John, Rock, Bluff and 142 Creeks.

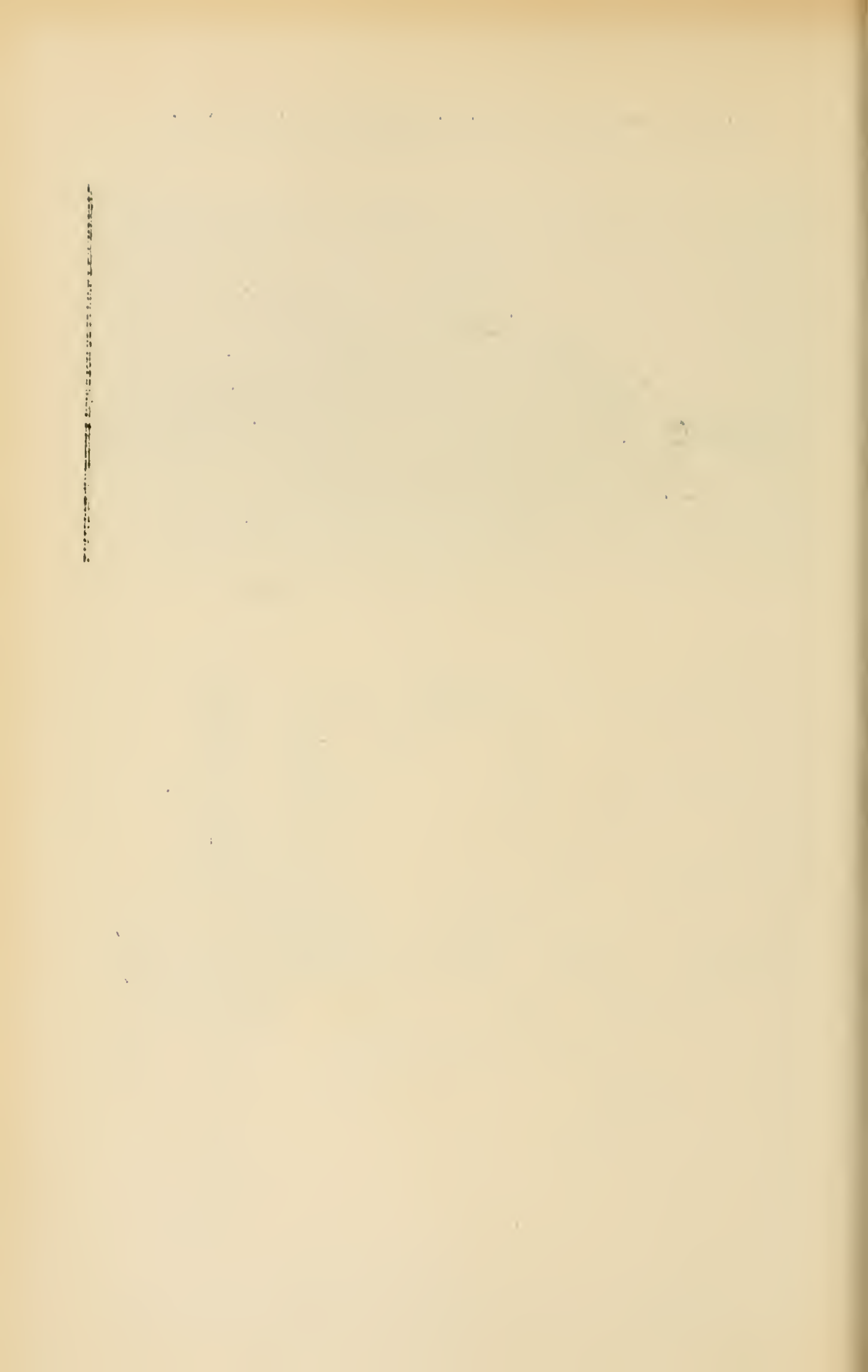
According to his description the money was buried on a creek crossed by the Santa Fe road. On the south side of the creek there was a big bluff, and a creek coming into the main creek from the north side. The box was buried on the east side of the creek coming from the north. On the bluff south of the creek there was a lot of big flat rock and on one of these rock was cut the figure of a compass pointing to the place where the box was buried and the number of rods to the box was marked on the rock.

In the Summer of 1895, just six years ago, an old Englishman came into the Harveyville neighborhood. He had but little to say to any one, though he preached some and fished a great deal. He fished

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WHEN HODGSON'S HILL WAS A SIGNAL STATION FOR A BAND OF ROBBERS,
Preparing to raid a Mexican train on the Old Santa Fe Trail. See page 141.



and preached for two or three months. His favorite place for fishing was near the mouth of Bachelor's branch, the poorest place to fish in the whole country. He fished and preached until some time in September, when without bidding any of his newly made friends good bye, he disappeared.

In a few days it was noised about that some one had dug up a box over north of the Harveyville cemetery. Right where stood the old log house the robbers had built fifty years before was a hole about four feet deep and on the sides was the imprint of an iron box 18x12x8—undoubtedly the same box stolen by the train robbers on Log Chain creek in 1844. The iron rust was there, but the \$75,000 in Spanish gold had disappeared—with the old preacher. He had watched as well as prayed. He had been fishing for gold—and had found what he long had sought.

Our First Vigilance Committee.

That Was Compelled to Suspend Business for Lack of Other Material.

In 1850, notwithstanding the scarcity of horses, the business of horse stealing was by no means neglected. As a matter of protection a vigilance committee was organized in the south-east part of the county for the purpose of dealing out justice in chunks according to the standard laid down by Judge Lynch, to such persons as found it difficult to keep their hands from stealing other people's horses.

This committee of eight waited a long time before being permitted to put to the test the value of the organization as a promoter of civilizing influences. But few people living in Wabaunsee County to-day ever knew that such an organization existed at any time in our history and it may be as well to state that they are but little less ignorant relative to the matter in question than were a majority of those who at the time lived in the country.

Among those who knew nothing of such an organization was an old Englishman by the name of Brain, who lived on the quarter adjoining Joe Johnson's place on the east. Brain's worldly goods consisted of a one-horse wagon, one horse, one woman, one small kid, a one-room house and about as much household goods as could be put in the one-horse wagon without crowding the rest of the family.

Brain's horse was the most valuable piece of property on the claim, being worth at that time about \$100. One morning, about the middle of July, the horse was missing. Some miscreant had cut the lariat, taking the end to which the horse was tied, leaving the other end of the rope to remind Brain of his irreparable loss.

Failing to get any clue of the lost horse, Brain sent a description of the lost animal to the sheriffs of adjoining counties and in about three months word came that the horse and thief were at Lawrence.

Borrowing a neighbor's horse, Brain hitched to his little wagon and taking a trace chain, padlock and double barrellled shot-gun, went to Lawrence after his horse and thief. The sheriff kindly turned both over to Brain.

Locking the trace chain around the thief's ankle and the other end being made fast to the wagon Brain returned to his home on the Dagoon. For four or five days he kept his prisoner chained to one of the sills of his house.

No one seemed to interpose any objection until one night eight masked men put in an appearance and demanded that Brain turn the thief over to them. Brain refusing to comply with their request the masked men removed the chain from the horse-thief's ankle and attached it to that of Brain. Taking a rope they tied the hands of Brain's wife securely behind her so she could not assist her husband in getting loose, the masked men drove away with their prisoner.

When morning came Brain's wife went up to Joe Johnson's, and getting Joe to cut the ropes that bound her hands, got him to return with her and release her husband. Supposing the masked men had hung the thief to some neighboring tree search was made for the body, but it could nowhere be found. Then there was a suspicion that the masked men were friends of the horse-thief who took that method of releasing him.

For twenty years the matter remained a mystery. It was left for John Ward to unravel the skein. John used to live on the Milt Riggins place, but returned to his old home in Missouri in 1860. In 1878 he came out for a visit with old friends and then the story was told for the first time.

John was a member of the committee and he said that it was a good deal of trouble for Brain to take care of that horse-thief all by himself, and they concluded they would lend a hand. They decided they had better hang him or he might get away.

Driving to Brain's in a two-horse wagon the thief was released, as we have stated. The vigilance committee concluded they would take him over to the crossing of Onion creek on the Emporia road and hang him to a tree by the side of the road as a warning to other men following his line of business.

At that time there was a great deal of travel on the Emporia road, and when they got near the designated place the committee found three or four wagons encamped at the crossing. Getting back out of sight the lynchers waited until the campers should get their breakfast and break camp. By that time the sun was an hour high and as

hot as a July sun ever gets in Kansas.

Driving down near the crossing a convenient limb was found, the thief commanded to stand up, and after his hands were securely tied behind him, a rope was put about his neck and the other end tied to the overhanging limb. It was the intention to drive the wagon out from under the horse-thief and let him hang until life was extinct, but when the captain of the vigilance committee ordered the owner of the team to drive away, he refused, emphasizing his refusal by an oath, indicating that he meant just what he said. It was too much like murder, he said, and every effort to induce the owner of the team to drive out was unavailing.

While the members of the committee were arguing the all important question—to the thief—as to who should do the driving, the most interested man in the company was shaking like a man with the ague, the sweat running in a stream down his face. To make matters worse for the lone occupant of the wagon the flies were biting the horses like mad. At such times the horses would start up and move, and once the prospects were good for the flies settling the question so hard for the committee to agree upon.

But the thief was doing some good talking on his own account. He would yell: "Whoa, there!" when their movements would bring him painfully near the hind part of the wagon, and he would start them up a little when their backing threatened to leave his body dangling from the tree in front. While the committee were parleying the thief had nothing on which to rely but his feet and his tongue to save him from swinging into eternity, and it is unnecessary to state that he made good use of his understanding and powers of persuasion as he never did before.

As a last resort, the committee drew cuts to see on whom would fall the responsibility of driving the team out from under the tree, but the man making the unlucky draw refused point blank to act his part.

Just then a covered wagon was descried coming down the road. This hastened the verdict. Two hours and a half had been frittered away in argument and child's play—to all but the man in the wagon. The flies were keeping him busy. He had passed the dreary hours in the effort of his life. He was keeping his feet and tongue busy to save his neck.

With one accord the committee approached the man in the wagon and informed him that if he would promise to leave the country and never return he would be released. Of course he promised. It was easier than to dangle from the limb of a tree without any support for his feet. Would he go? He "reckoned" he would. He didn't think this was a very healthy country, anyhow—for him.

The committee told him if he was ever caught in the country again they would shoot him on the spot. He replied that they would be perfectly welcome to shoot him if they ever caught him in the country at any time in the future. He kept his word.

That was the first—as well as the last—work ever done by a vigilance committee in Wabaunsee county.

Bossy Solved the Problem.

Not the least among the many vexatious problems that presented themselves to the early settlers for solution was the all important one of transportation. While teams of oxen were the rule and horses the exception not all were so fortunate as to possess either. Among those so unfortunately situated was Hon. G. G. Hall, who for so many years filled so creditably the office of probate judge. The Judge's memory was a store-house of early reminiscences and no one delighted more in recounting the trials and the tribulations of the pioneers than the Judge.

Having raised quite a crop of potatoes and considerable corn he was puzzled to determine how to move his produce from the field to the house—some distance away. Among his worldly possessions was neither a team nor a wagon, but he was the fortunate owner of a cow. Seeing no better way out of the difficulty he resolved to utilize Bossy as a beast of burden. And right well did she serve the purpose. With a sack on either side—pack-horse fashion—the Judge soon had his corn and potatoes stored away for the winter.



BOSSY.

ALSO A SAMPLE OF A PIONEER FENCE.

An Unmarked Grave.

It was in October, 1864. Price was threatening to invade Kansas, the militia had been called out and only a few besides the old men and boys were left to guard the women and children left behind.

There were but few settlers on the Copp branch of Mill creek. The bottoms were narrow and the hills rocky. But there was a good range for cattle and the beauty of the landscape attracted the attention of Mr. John Copp, who saw in the claim selected the spot for an ideal home.

His nearest neighbor was Charlie Pafkowich, in plain sight, but more than a mile away. Charlie was among those who had gone to the front, leaving his young wife to look after the farm.

Those were lonely days—when Indians were oftener seen than white men. They were getting restive, too. They knew the war was going on and rumors of an uprising had reached the ears of the anxious settlers. It was but a few miles to the Pottawatomie reserve on the north and the Kaws were uncomfortably close on the other side.

Only a few short years before, the Kaws had come over from their reservation and within sight of the Copp home had wreaked a terrible revenge on one of their old time enemies—a Pawnee, that the lonely squatter had given a comfortable bed in the hay stack, within a few yards of the one-room log cabin.

Mrs. Copp was at home on the day of which I write, but not alone. Four darling children had blessed and made happy the occupants of the little log cabin. So fond a mother could never be lonesome with the innocent prattle of those she prized above all things else around her.

It was chilly that day and a warm fire had been kindled in the old chimney. The wind was blowing, too, and when a crackling noise was heard the fond mother was amazed to find that the house had caught fire from the chimney. Hurriedly water was brought from the creek near at hand. But the bank was steep and the work tiresome.

When the fire seemed almost quenched it would again blaze up. Help must be had or the house and all would be gone. Tired in the extreme with fruitless exertion, and driven almost to the verge of distraction, the half crazed mother locked the door with the

children inside, and made haste for help—the nearest at hand—at the Pafkowich home, more than a mile away, down the valley.

Between hysterical sobs she told her story. But a glance at the Copp home was all that was needed to convince Mrs. Pafkowich of the terrible truth—the little log cabin was all ablaze and the four children were wrapped in a shroud of flames.

A charred heap near the door told the saddest story in our county's history—their doom had been sealed by the turning of the key in the lock.

Under a spreading oak within thirty yards of the tenant house on the Allendorph ranch near Halifax station (now the property of Mr. Finney), the remains lie buried.

No mound was raised to mark the place. It would but recall that heart-rending scene on that terrible day in the fall of '64. Lest the mother's reason be dethroned every effort must be made to efface from memory's tablet the horrid spectacle.

To the memory of Mary, Robert, Ida and Hedwig no inscription on slab of marble is needed. Poignant grief, deep-seated sorrow, weighed down the years of a life time. That the load of anguish might be lightened, that the burden might be bearable—these tell the sad story of the unmarked grave by the road-side.

John Verity, who for a number of years kept a store at Maple Hill, and Vera was a genuine cowboy, having worked at the trade for some years prior to going into the mercantile business. After leaving Wabaunsee county John accepted a position with the Swofford Dry Goods Co., of Kansas City, Missouri. While in the employ of this company Mr. Verity assumed the management of several branch stores in the Indian territory, residing with his family in the Nation for several years. On John's first appearance in the territory he was dubbed a "tenderfoot," but when the Indians and squaw men gathered in front of the company's store to greet his initial performance with the usual applause given a new arrival's first attempt at riding a bucking broncho there was disappointment on every countenance. When the broncho felt his ribs crack from the raps from that wagon spoke he forgot to buck and struck out on his fifteen mile run with a determination to get there Eli before his ribs were all stove in. When the Territory toughs, Indians, and squaw men brought in their verdict it was: "Tenderfoot ride like h—l!" John had been there before and his experience as a cow-boy stood him in good stead while roughing it in the Nation. His standing with the rough element had been established on a firm foundation.

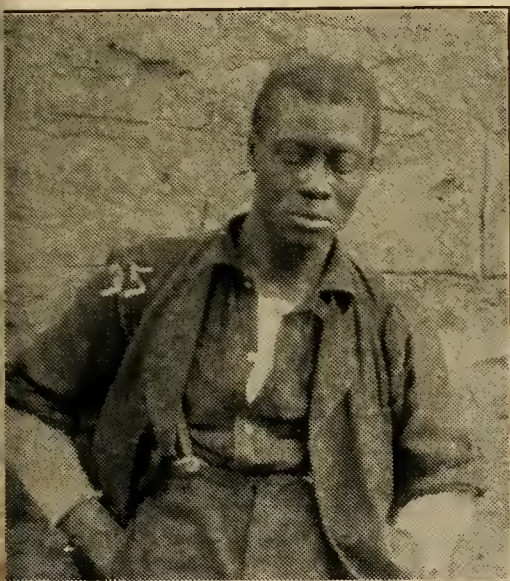
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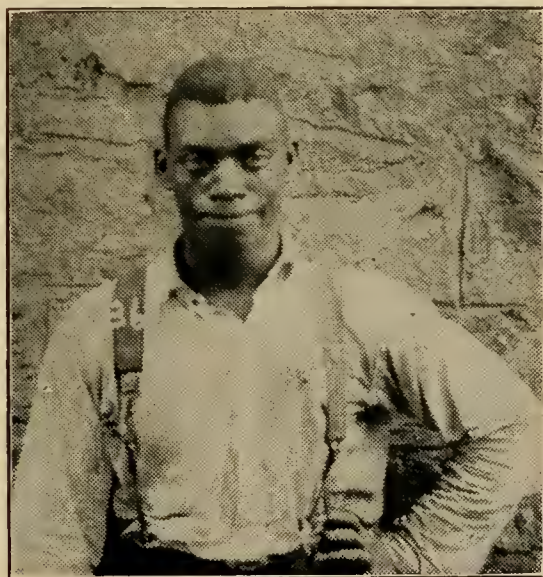
CALVIN BURGER.



HARRY TANDY.



JAMES RENDER,
alias "Denver Kid."



DICK WILLIAMS,
alias "Trilby"; *alias* "Snowball."

THE MCFARLAND MURDERERS AND THEIR VICTIMS.

Double Murder at McFarland.

The most revolting crime ever committed in Wabaunsee county was the murder of Harry Tandy and Calvin Burger, at McFarland, on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 28, 1899.

On the following morning, about 9 o'clock, Henry Weaver's attention was attracted by the gesticulations and incoherent mutterings of a man at the foot of a high bank of Mill Creek, about sixty yards southwest of the ice-house at McFarland. The man's lower limbs were submerged in the water drowning being prevented by projecting roots but for which the murderers may have escaped conviction and punishment.

It was found that the young man's skull had been crushed by a blow back of the ear, rendering the victim of murderous assault unconscious, in which condition the unfortunate young man remained till the time of his death, at 10 o'clock Thursday night.

The young man was recognized as one, who, the day before, had been seated with a companion on the platform in front of Winkler Bros.' store at McFarland. It was recalled that the young men had made inquiries relative to the country, the prospect of getting work, &c. At noon the young men bought some crackers and cheese for lunch.

Although both wore overalls, there was something about the young men that attracted more than ordinary attention. It was noticed that each wore a good suit of clothes under his overalls, and that one of the young men carried a gold watch—and that his hands were as soft as a woman's.

By letters on the body of the young man found in the creek, the body was identified as that of Harry Tandy, a druggist of Creighton, Mo.

Dr. O. S. Chester was called by telephone to McFarland, and immediately a message was sent to the young man's father. Starting immediately the grief-stricken parent reached the bedside of his dying son, but only to return on the saddest mission of his life—the boy's spirit had been wafted home.

So certain were the people that young Tandy's companion had also been foully murdered that the creek was dragged for the missing body, but not until Saturday evening, July 8, was the second victim found—in the orchard on the Tom Locke farm, nearly a mile west of McFarland—on information secured from one of the men charged with the murder—he having furnished Sheriff Cook, of Shawnee County, with a diagram that enabled the officers to go directly to the place where the body lay, in a badly decomposed condition.

After the finding of young Tandy's body, several parties recognized him as one of the two young men who had been seen playing cards with two young colored men on the east side of the ice-house the evening before the finding of young Tandy's body.

A young colored man, named Williams, had called at Mr. Donnelley's, at McFarland, for lunch for himself and a partner, and before leaving had borrowed two fishing poles, leaving the satchel with the Misses Donnelley until his return.

Later in the day Williams returned the fishing poles and called for his satchel, his excited manner attracting attention to such a degree as to make a lasting impression. On leaving the Donnelley home he went the back way, going north of the store on his way to the stock-yards, near which place he met Render, the other colored man, who had called at the store to buy something for lunch. The two colored men left McFarland on a freight train for Topeka, going to Crook Wright's, where Tandy's gold watch was pawned. This was the first clue that led to the arrest of Williams and Render.

At a barber shop, opposite the Rock Island depot, Render had changed his bloody shirt, and at Kansas City, Williams had left his blood stained pants. Both showed considerable money at Crook Wright's.

At the trial Williams acknowledged to being present when both young men were murdered but said Bill Collins had killed Harry Tandy and "Souse" Hawkins had killed Calvin Burger—Williams stating that he had been compelled at the point of a revolver to assist in the double murder. Williams told how Burger had been decoyed to the orchard to get chickens for supper and how Tandy was disposed of on his return—how, on bended knees, he had plead for his life—offering to give up his watch and money—everything, if only his life was spared.

As neither "Souse" nor Collins had been seen at McFarland, and it being proven that they were in Topeka at the time the murders were committed, Williams' story was devoid of effect. It was regarded as a bungling effort at fixing a most horrible crime on innocent parties—innocent, at least, of the double murder at McFarland.

The recital of the brutal murder of Harry Tandy created a heart

rending scene in the court-room. Scalding tears coursed down the cheeks of the grief stricken mother and the excited condition apparent in the equally aggrieved father created the impression that the assembled spectators might be unwilling witnesses of a second tragedy as a sequel to the first.

The jury brought in a verdict of guilty at noon, and at 1:45 p. m. Williams and Render were on their way to the penitentiary—having been convicted of murder in the first degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Tandy and Mr. and Mrs. Burger, parents of the murdered boys, were in attendance at the trial, leaving on their sad homeward journey on the same train that carried Williams and Render to prison for life. Mr. Tandy is a leading physician and druggist at Creighton, Mo., and Mr. Burger is in the restaurant business in Kansas City, but until a short time before the murder had been a guard at the Kansas State penitentiary at Lansing. Two excellent families had been drawn together by sad circumstances that deprived each of two homes of a promising son.

Good detective work was done in bringing the criminals to justice. Messers. Barnes and Carroll received deserved commendation for their efficient work as prosecutors. Mr. Keagy exerted his best efforts to bring about the acquittal of the defendants and with nothing to base a hope on, he made the best possible argument in behalf of the prisoners—who could have no cause to complain that their conviction was due to a lack of legal talent in their defense.

There were no shoes on young Burger's feet when the body was found, though an old pair was found near by. When Mrs. Burger came to Alma she identified the shoes Williams was wearing as having been worn by her son, Calvin, when he left home for a visit with his brother in Oklahoma.

Though robbery was the motive for the crime a five dollar bill was found in the lining of young Burger's hat. It was wrapped in a piece of a newspaper published at Minneapolis, Kas., where the family formerly resided.

The identification of Calvin Burger's body—decomposed beyond recognition—was established by the score book first and later by the pants that he wore at the time of the murder. Allowing that "T" in the score book stood for Tandy, "D" for Dick Williams and "R" for Render, the other initial, "B" represented the young man whose identity was in question. In their effort to fix the responsibility for the crime on "Souise" and Collins the prisoners had stated that the young man whose body was found in the orchard had been working with the asphalt gang in Kansas City. Attorney Carroll went to Kansas City and established the fact that Calvin Burger was young Tandy's companion at McFarland. The bit of cloth used in patching

the pants worn by the murdered boy made the identification complete.

When on Saturday, July 8, the second body was found and the facts developed that the victim had been foully murdered in the same identical manner as was the young druggist the excitement was intense and the conditions ripe for the infliction of summary punishment on any one whom the evidence might incriminate. On Sunday when the train bearing Dick Williams, one of the accused, reached Alma the excitement which had not yet abated was heightened in the extreme and hardly had the outer door of the jail closed on the prisoner than the sheriff and his deputies were overpowered, the door broken down and in a trice the body of Dick Williams was being dragged through the street to the Mahan corner—a block east of the court house—and in another moment what was supposed to be a lifeless body was dangling limp and motionless from a telephone pole ten feet from the ground. Six minutes later City Marshal Pippert lowered the body. Williams breathed but until midnight his life hung as by a thread. Twenty-four hours later, with the exception of an abrasion of the scalp, there were no indications that Williams had passed through the terrible ordeal that came near depriving him of the right of trial by jury for a crime without a parallel in the history of Wabaunsee County.



The Frank Mitchell Murder.

When on Monday morning, March 9, 1896, Mr. James Clare, of Alta Vista, went to the farm of his brother-in-law, Mr. Frank Mitchell, to return a borrowed wagon and failed to find Frank at home his suspicions were at once aroused, and he felt assured that something had gone wrong. His suspicions were more than confirmed when he noticed that all the stock on the place appeared in a gaunted and half-starved condition, the water-tank dry and everything going to show that the owner had not been on the place for several days at least.

From inquiries it was learned that not since the Thursday before (March 5) had Frank been seen by anyone. On that day a neighbor had called on Frank, leaving there about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. While at the Mitchell farm Frank had said that John Hoepner had one of his hogs and that he was going over to see about it. From the fact that Hoepner had once before refused to deliver to Frank a hog of his that he had taken up until he had paid him two dollars, it was at once suspected that Frank had got into trouble with Hoepner and had been foully dealt with at the hands of his quarrelsome neighbor.

A searching party of about thirty of Frank's neighbors and friends was at once organized, and there being such a unanimity of sentiment respecting Hoepner's guilt a warrant was sworn out before M. H. Cooper, a justice of the peace, and placed in the hands of Constable John Kistler, to be served in case circumstances should warrant his arrest.

Although Hoepner denied having seen Mitchell for several months, and his statement was corroborated by his wife, not one of the searching party believed the story of the one or the other. But persisting in their determination to find the body, success finally rewarded the efforts of the diligent searchers. About a quarter of a mile north of Hoepner's barn poor Frank Mitchell lay prone upon his back, his blood-stained lips apart, his eyes glazed and turned heavenward as if mutely appealing to a just God who has said, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay."

For four days and nights the body had lain where John Hoepner had dumped the limp and lifeless form from his wagon—like a dog.

Telegrams were at once sent to Coroner Beals, County Attorney Barnes, and Sheriff Treu. Messrs. Otto Meyer, Gilbert Anderson, Geo. W. Gantz, David Weidner, and Drs. Eldridge and Goodsell were sworn in as jurors, and after hearing the evidence brought in a verdict to the effect that Frank Mitchell came to his death from a gunshot wound, and that the said shot was fired by John Hoepner with felonious intent. Hoepner was held for murder in the first degree and only by strategy was lynching prevented.

After being lodged in the Alma jail Hoepner confessed to the murder, he claiming that Frank had refused to pay the five dollars damage he had asked before he would allow him to take his hog; that Frank had taken the hog from the pen and was driving it home when he overtook and shot him. The shooting was done southeast of Hoepner's and in the direction of Frank's home. When found the body was nearly half a mile from the spot where the killing was done. Two slugs had broken the arm bone just below the shoulder, entering the lung cavity, and must have caused immediate death.

Several days after the murder Sheriff Treu discovered that the front and arms of Hoepner's shirt—that he wore at the time of the murder—was a matted mass of blood, showing conclusively that Hoepner had grasped the body tightly in his arms in lifting it into the wagon.

Hoepner had bought the farm on which he lived at the time of the murder about ten years before. He was of a quarrelsome disposition, and his life in the neighborhood had been marked by an uninterrupted series of brawls, quarrels, fights, threats to shoot, &c., with game and wild fruit hunters, and with neighbors about stray stock, land lines and other matters that usually are lightly considered but more often unnoticed. In strange contrast was the character of Frank Mitchell, who, by his upright conduct and manly bearing, had won for himself an enviable place in the esteem of the people. Of him it could be truthfully said:

"None knew him but to love him,
Nor named him but to praise."

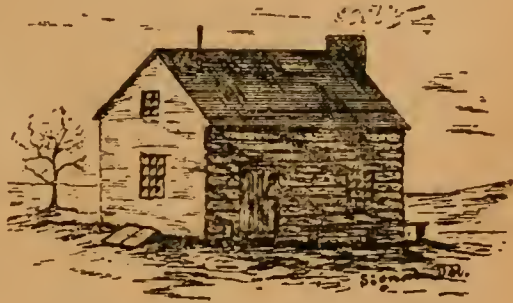
The remains were buried at the White school house, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Newcomb, of Beman.

The case was tried at the May term of court and the murderer sentenced to a term of twenty years in the penitentiary.

The Muehlenbacher Murder.

On Saturday night, March 17, 1894, at the Muehlenbacher home, seven miles southeast of Alma on Illinois Creek, was perpetrated one of the most atrocious and brutal murders ever committed in Wabaunsee county.

Many years before Louis, Fred and Peter Muehlenbacher, three bachelor brothers, had located on the creek. There was a sister who had married a man by the name of Schepp, but there had been a separation, Margaritha, with her son, Louis, having for years made their home with the brothers.



THE MUEHLENBACHER HOME.

Several years prior to the murder Fred was found dead in the timber, and a little more than a year before the tragedy on Illinois Creek Louis was killed by a flying limb while felling a tree in the woods, leaving Peter, Margaritha, the sister, and her son, Louis, to look after the work of the farm.

The brothers had accumulated quite a large amount of property, consisting of lands, horses and cattle, money invested in mortgages, &c. Of lands they owned something over two thousand acres and the home farm, extending for several miles on either side of Illinois Creek, included some of the richest land and most valuable timber in Wabaunsee county. Owning as they did nearly all of the best lands on the stream it was as often referred to as the Muehlenbacher branch as Illinois Creek.

Hard work and rigid economy was the rule at the Muehlenbacher farm. Three large stone houses had been built on the farm, but the attractions of the old home place were many, and here the family had remained until the terrible tragedy of March 17, 1894.

On the evening of that day as Peter, Louis Schepp, and Frank Walker were seated at the supper table (near the south window, shown

in cut), a pistol shot was fired on the outside near the front door (shown in cut of log building). A moment later a masked man stepped into the open door and fired a shot at Peter, who had got up from the table as the man entered the room. The shot had struck Peter in the side, inflicting a mortal wound, causing him to fall towards his murderer, whom he grasped by the legs as he fell.

The masked man then fired a shot at Margaritha, missing his aim, but another shot struck Louis as he entered the door leading to the north room—the ball entering his side, inflicting a painful and dangerous wound. Peter, still holding the murderer's legs in a death grip, was dragged outside the building,



MARGARITHA'S HOUSE.

where another and last shot was fired, striking the prostrate man in the back of the head and causing immediate death.

There was but little light in the room and the smoke from the shooting was so dense that nothing could be seen. But Louis and his mother had passed into the north room and Louis looking out of the window, raised about ten inches, saw the murderer, who, Louis thought was reloading his pistol. He was standing nearly in front of the still open door and about twenty feet from the house. Though weak and nervous from excitement and loss of blood, Louis got down his double-barreled shotgun and loading it with a single ball that just fitted the bore, fired under the raised sash at the murderer of his uncle. At the crack of the gun the man fell, but rising immediately to his feet disappeared in the darkness.

As soon as the excitement had partially subsided Frank Walker went to George Casey's for help, and Charlie Wenzel came to Alma and informed Sheriff Palenske, who immediately organized a posse to go to the scene of the murder and if possible to get some clue as to the perpetrators of the atrocious crime.

THE FIRST CLUE.

It was 7:30 o'clock when Frank Walker left the Muehlenbacher home on the night of the murder. About 9 o'clock the posse started to the scene of the murder. When the posse started Jerry and James Fields went to the Rock Island depot to watch all passing trains and to get any clue as to the perpetrators of the murder. A half hour later Jerry Fields had settled in his own mind the identity of at least two of the men guilty of the murder of Peter Muehlenbacher, and later developments proved that his suspicions were well-founded.

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SCHOOL-HOUSE AT McFARLAND.



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AT WABAUNSEE.

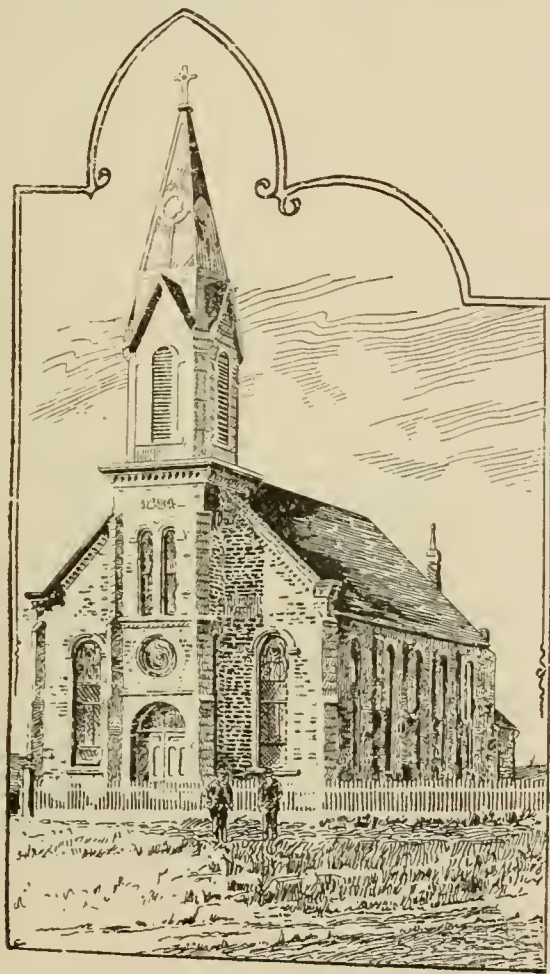


First School in Dist. 23, Rock Creek.



M. E. CHURCH, ALMA.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH AND ALTAR, Newbury.

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M. E. CHURCH, Kaw Township.



LUTHERAN CHURCH, Kaw Township.



M. E. CHURCH, Paxico.



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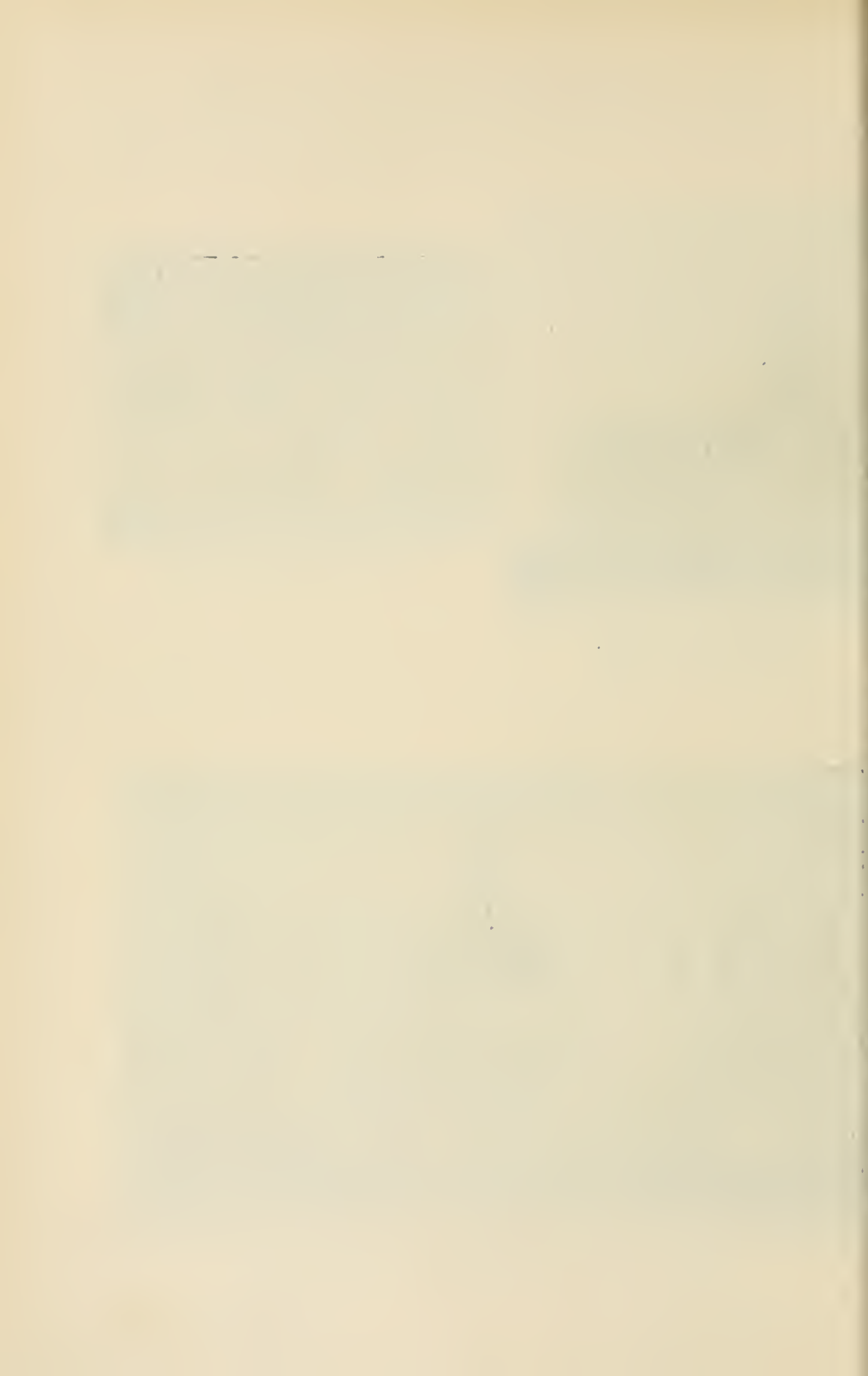
CATHOLIC CHURCH.
Burned February 6, 1899.



ALTAR IN CHURCH BURNED.



ALTAR IN THE NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALMA.



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Mr. Franz Schmidt's Residence.

Parsonage.

Catholic Church, Alma.

The Parsonage.

Rev. Father Hohe.

The Old Church.



Rev. Father Kamp.

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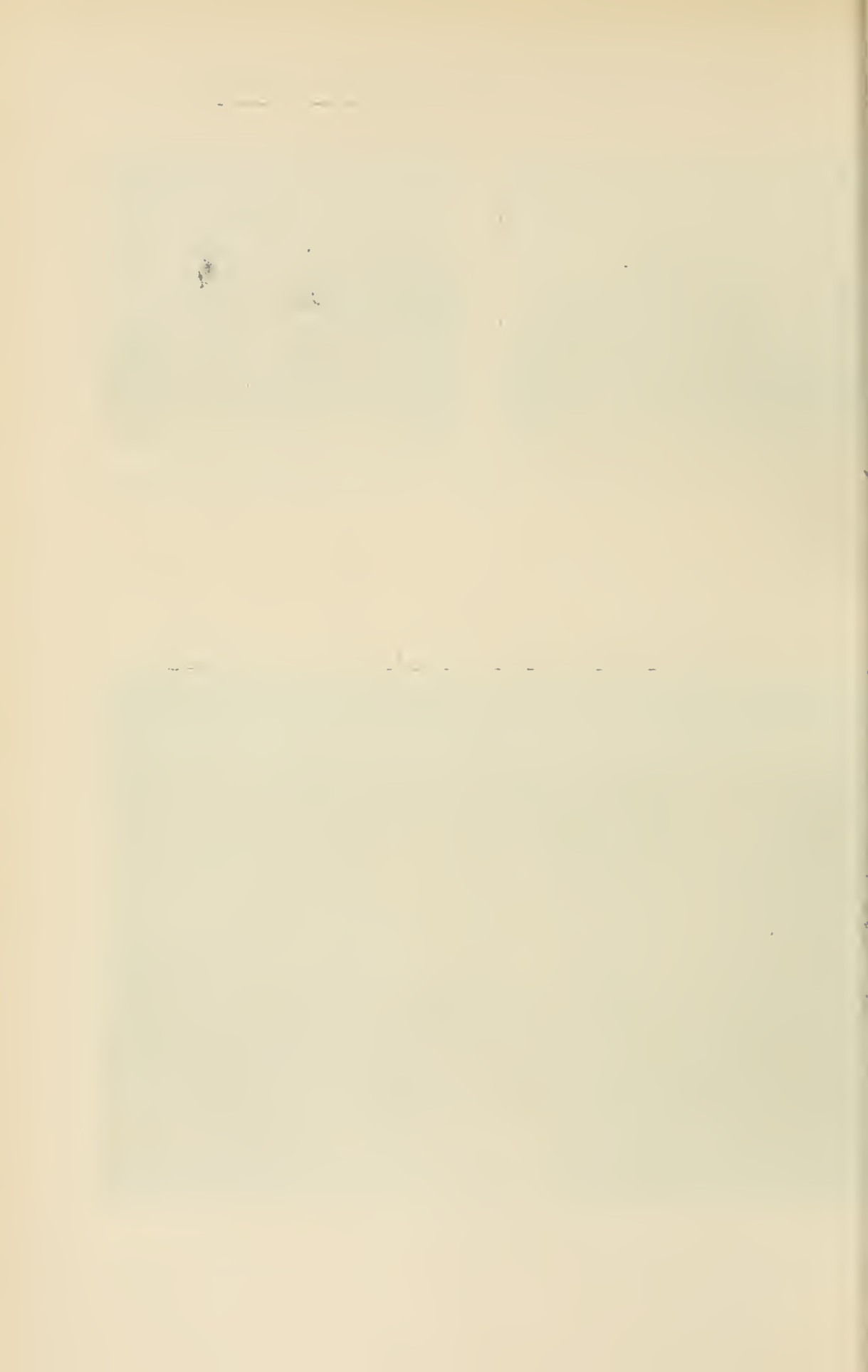
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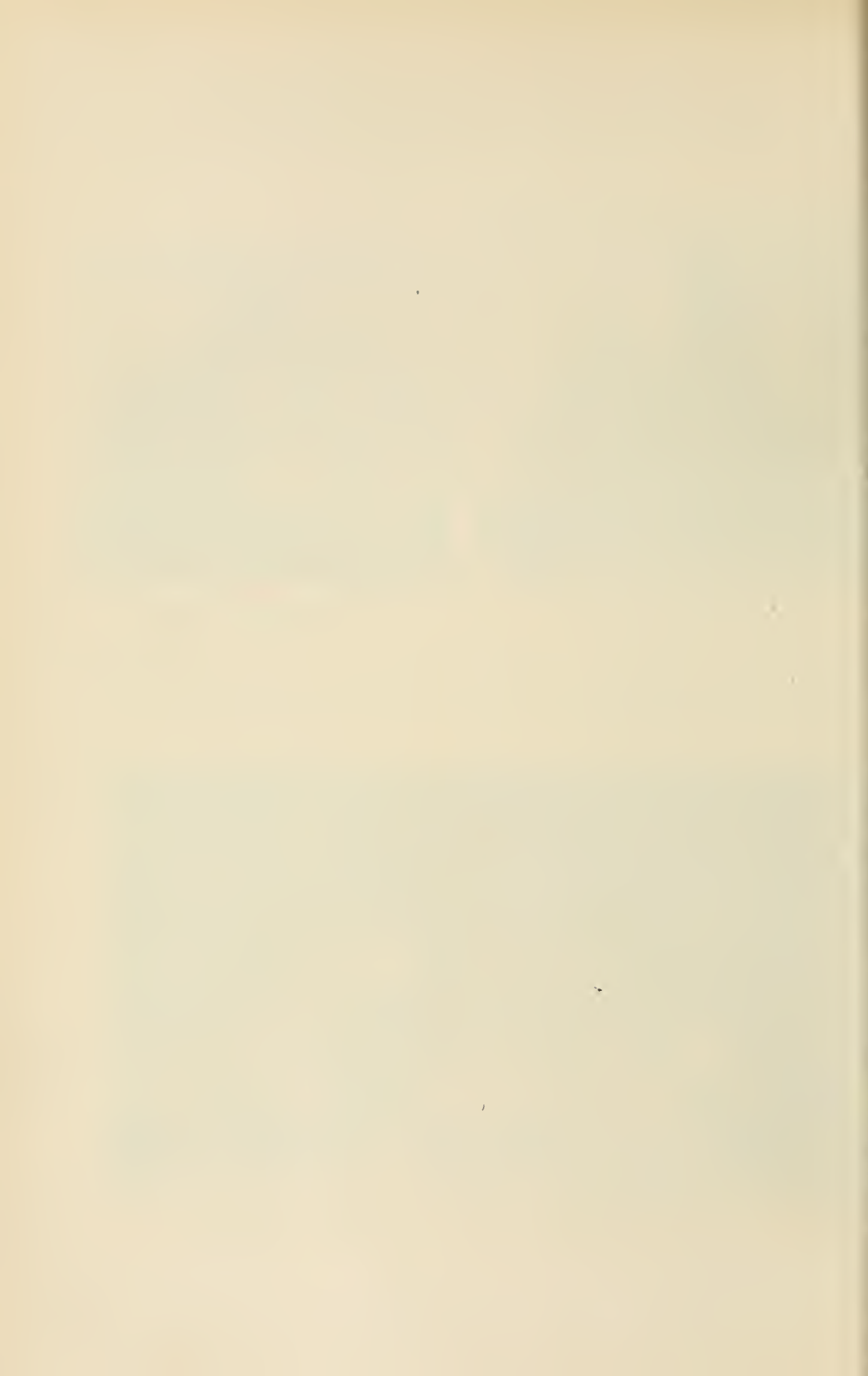
M. E. CHURCH, McFarland.



M. E. CHURCH, Maple Hill.



DINING-ROOM, ROCK ISLAND EATING-HOUSE, McFarland.



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HAYING AT MR. CHRIS. LANGVARDT'S, NEAR ALTA VISTA.



GERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH, ALTA VISTA.

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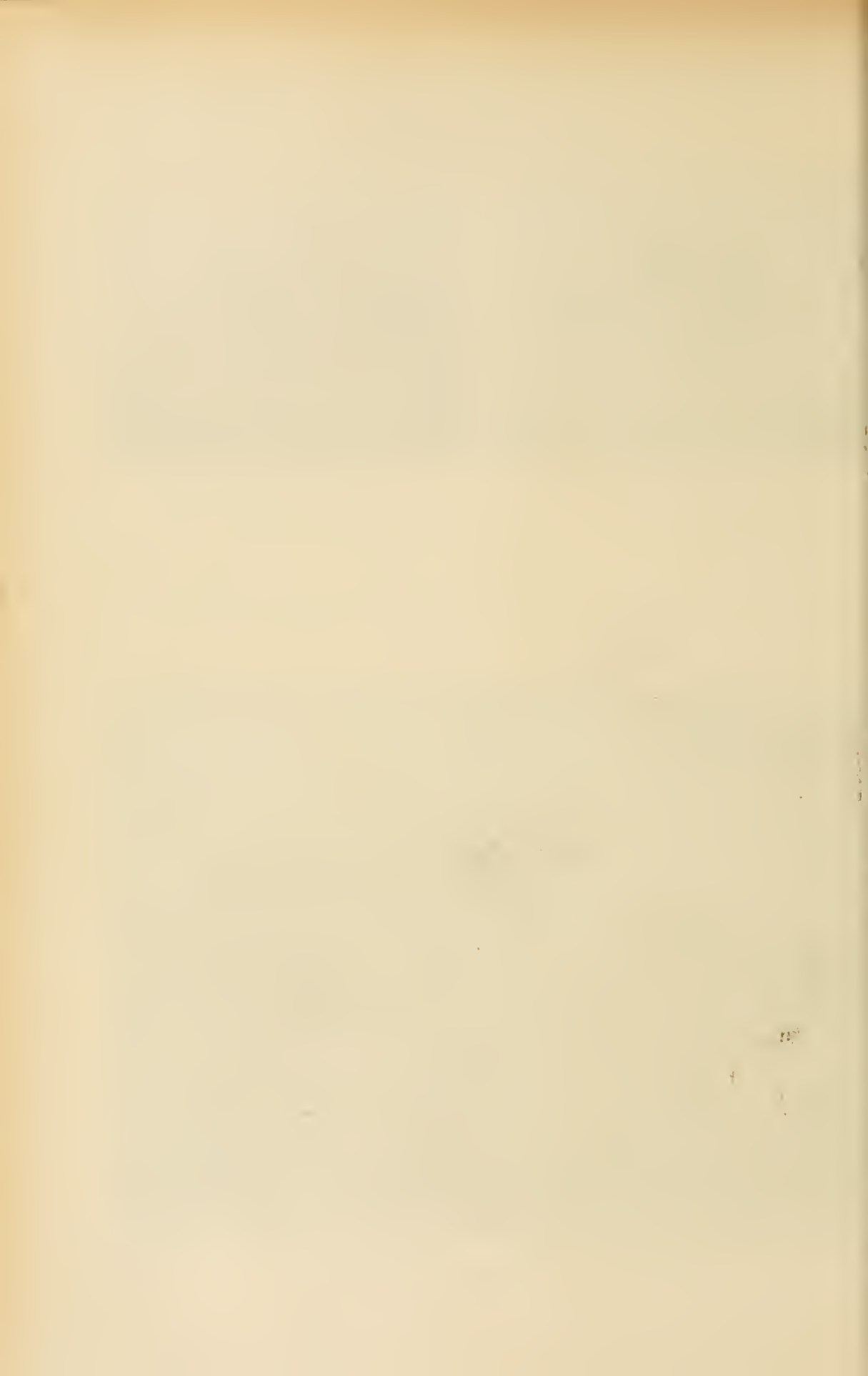
SCHOOL HOUSE AT ESKRIDGE.



M. E. CHURCH, ALTA VISTA.



ROCK ISLAND EATING HOUSE. MCFARLAND.



At the depot were Frank Simon, Jr., and Julius Benke; the latter for some time slept on a cot in the depot. Jerry Fields inquired of the boys if they had seen anyone going up the railroad track the evening before. Both the boys had seen Chris Carpenter going west on the Rock Island track late in the afternoon, carrying a bundle. This excited Mr. Fields' suspicions, and going to the small frame building just north of the Commercial house, where Chris usually stopped, he found that he had gone—no one knew where.

Having seen Jerry Carpenter in Alma the evening before, Mr. Fields at once telegraphed to McFarland (where Jerry Carpenter had been at work at the coal chute for the Rock Island company), asking if Jerry was there and if not, where he was. In response Mr. Field received a dispatch stating that Jerry had gone away the evening before with the expressed intention of going to Kansas City but that he had not gone on any east bound train.

This settled in the mind of Jerry Fields the identity of at least two of the murderers of Peter Muehlenbacher. From that time every word said and every move made by either Jerry or Chris Carpenter but added to the proofs that they were two of the parties engaged in the murder and attempted robbery of Peter Muehlenbacher on Illinois Creek. So confident was Jerry Fields of this fact that he insisted on going out to John Allen's (the brother-in-law of the Carpenters) that night and arresting them as participants in the crime. But other counsel prevailed and the arrest was postponed, but in the meantime close watch was kept on the suspected parties, every act of whom but drew closer the web that was closing about them.

On Sunday Jerry Carpenter was at McFarland a very sick man. He hired a substitute at the coal chute—stating that he was sick—to one party that he had the sore eyes and to another that he had the dysentery. On Monday he again appeared in Alma. That night Jerry and Chris were seen through a slit in the window curtain—dressing the gunshot wound received out at Muehlenbacher's. One was heard to say to the other: "We are all right if Tom McClain don't give us away." Jerry went to McFarland on the morning train but it was seen that he didn't go any farther. Before night Jerry and Chris Carpenter and Tom McClain were lodged in the Alma jail.

TOM M'CLAIN'S STATEMENT.

Solitary confinement worked on Tom's nerves and he sought spiritual consolation. Sending for Rev. J. F. Dennis he unburdened his mind. He told Rev. Dennis that on Saturday—the day of the murder—that Chris had said to him that there was lots of money to be had out at Muehlenbacher's and that he and Jerry were going to have it and that Chris invited Tom to go along but he stated that he wouldn't go. Tom further said that

on Sunday morning Chris came by his place and said that he (Chris) and Jerry were out at Muehlenbacher's the night before and that they had a h—l of a time, that they had killed Pete, and Jerry had a hole put through him. But Tom insisted that he had nothing to do with it. Tom sought consolation by singing a few good old Methodist songs with Rev. Dennis.

JERRY'S CONFESSION.

Jerry Carpenter was in the room just across the hall-way and when told that Tom was giving him away Jerry became excited and said he would have something to say about it—that when the time came he would get up in the court room and tell the whole story. Then he told how that he and Chris and Tom had gone out to Muehlenbacher's—that he did the shooting but Tom and Chris were both in the room.*

Jerry said he fell just as Louis had said and that he got up and walked unaided to the fence when Chris and Tom helped him away. Jerry said he never thought of there being a gun in the house and he supposed Louis was past shooting. Jerry was doubtless re-loading his pistol but on this point he refused to say anything.

THE MYSTERIOUS BUNDLE.

When Julius Benke and Frank Simon saw Chris Carpenter he was going west on the Rock Island track with a bundle. One of the three men who passed Albert Dieball's and John Diehl's had with him the mysterious bundle. Before leaving McFarland Jerry had the same bundle claiming it to be a pair of pants he wanted altered. It is suspected that this bundle contained the masks, pistols, &c., used at Muehlenbacher's.

When Jerry Carpenter left McFarland he had on a dark suit of clothes but a light suit when he returned. In Chris' trunk was found a pair of pants, wet and soggy—made so perhaps in washing out blood stains.

One of the masks was found a mile north of Muehlenbacher's on Sunday morning by Herman Schroeder. A few days after a coat was found near the same place. Tom McClain had lost a coat about which he seemed uneasy but he denied the ownership of the coat, though he said the coat found was something like the one he had lost.

The reward of \$500 offered by the sister, Margaritha, was paid to Messrs J. H. McMahan, J. B. Fields and D. M. Gardner, each of whom did excellent work in securing the early arrest of the guilty parties connected with the murder.

*NOTE.—The room was so filled with smoke from the revolver in the hands of Jerry that nothing could be seen.

OLD OFFENDERS.

Jerry and Chris Carpenter served two years in the Kansas penitentiary, having been sent up from Marion county for grand larceny.

Over a thousand dollars worth of goods, burglarized from a store in Marlon, were found in the shanty occupied by Chris. But Jerry had skipped out and after a long chase was captured at Hot Springs in Arkansas.

After the Muehlenbacher murder a large number of keys, saws, files, coldchisels, glass cutters and fuse were found in Chris' valise, and at the barn where he kept his horses several lap robes and other property, identified as long missing articles belonging to citizens of Alma.

County Attorney Jones was ably assisted in the prosecution by Messrs Barnes, Cornell and McClure. Messrs Case & Nicolson defended. Chris and Jerry were given life sentences, while McClain was acquitted. Finding public sentiment strong against him he went to Oklahoma. Chris died at Lansing after serving the state five years in the coal mines.



The Fooks-Miller Feud.

On the morning of October 5, 1881, the quiet law-abiding citizens of Washington township were startled by the news of a tragedy, the like of which was never known before among a people whose inclinations have ever been foreign to the fostering of quarrels and bickerings—to say nothing of difficulties in the settlement of which, human life would be placed in jeopardy.

On the north half of section 18, township 12, range 9, lived two neighbors. George Miller and Matt Fooks—the former a quiet, stolid German, and the latter an Englishman, who, during his residence in the neighborhood, had acquired the reputation of being pugilistic, and, as some asserted, quarrelsome.

At any rate, there was friction between the heads of the two families. Their farms were adjoining and there was trouble about Fooks' cattle breaking into Miller's enclosure. On the morning referred to the cattle had made another raid and Miller was driving them out. What occurred in the timber near the line fence was but little more than conjecture.

About 9 o'clock Fooks rode by the Moege farm, where Mr. Moege, sr., and sons were butchering a hog. Fooks was much excited and telling Mr. Moege he had killed Miller rode off towards Alma. It was nearly noon when he rode into town and surrendered himself to Sheriff Gardner, stating that he had a difficulty with George Miller about his (Fooks) cattle that had broken into Miller's enclosure, and that in the dispute that followed, Miller struck him with a club, and that he drew his revolver and fired several shots at Miller, two of which he thought had taken effect in Miller's body.

In a short time several of Fooks' neighbors arrived in Alma and claimed that a cold-blooded murder had been perpetrated, and that the killing was premeditated and without just provocation.

Drs. Green and Buehner went out and made a post-mortem examination, finding that one bullet had passed through the lungs and heart, lodging in the back, and that another had entered the side, fracturing the spinal column. Either shot would have been fatal. The inquest was held by Squire Finck. The body was found fifty yards over the line in Miller's timber, and rendered a plea of self-defense untenable. Fooks was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree and sentenced to six years imprisonment. He was taken to Lansing September 24, 1882, but secured a pardon after serving about half his time.

A Big Flood.

The night of June 28, 1858, will long be remembered by the old settlers of Wabaunsee county. The flood-gates of heaven were opened and the rain came down in torrents. As a rule the people had built their houses on low ground; generally near some good spring of clear, sparkling water, little thinking of the danger from turbulent floods that came so soon.

Some of the pioneers had retired for the night, while others had not yet gone to rest. Klockman's, Thowe's and Schwanke's houses went down with the flood and the occupants were compelled to wade in water up to the armpits or swim for their lives. Mr. Klockman was away and Mrs. Klockman found herself struggling for her life in twenty feet of water. Floating down the stream she caught the limbs of a tree that had lodged against another tree, that still resisted the torrent of water. Here she remained till the waters subsided, more dead than alive from the long exposure from the watery element.

Mr. Fred Steinmeyer heard the roaring waters and opening the door—the bottom of which was two feet from the ground—the waters rushed in with such force it would be madness to attempt to get out that way. Pushing the clapboards aside, thus making a hole in the roof, he climbed on top of the house, where with his wife he remained till all danger was past.

Mr. Moettcher, a near neighbor, seeing them on the roof, and being determined to rescue them from their perilous position, mounted his pony and dashed into the seething, roaring waters. Mr. Steinmeyer shouted for him to stay back, that the water was going down, but his voice was unheard. The water was nearly a half mile in width and the roaring noise was terrible. It was ten feet deep in places and six feet deep in the house. Regardless of danger Moettcher urged his pony into the boiling current. But the noble little animal wasn't equal to the occasion. The waves tossed pony and rider about as bubbles on the crest. The rider went down to rise no more but the pony and two faithful dogs succeeded in making a landing forty rods below.

Three days after the flood Mr. Moettcher's body was found in a drift nearly a half mile below. Near the place under a cedar tree the body was buried.

Some hogs belonging to Mr. Jos. Schutter had been washed four miles by the swift current. Mr. Antone Schewe was on hand ready to render any needed assistance. He was so excited by the terrible scenes that he had failed to notice the fact that he had but one boot on—the other he was carrying in his hand.

Mr. Fred Palenske's corn crib, stable and chicken house were washed away and only by wading in the deep water was the family saved from drowning, taking refuge on the high ground in what was later used by Mr. Pauly as a feed lot—entirely surrounded by the seething waters.

Mr. Palenske had five hogs weighing 150 or 200 pounds. Seeing nothing of them he supposed they had been swept down stream, as he said, "to New Orleans." But Mr. Zwanziger called and asked if they had looked for tracks in the timber. They hadn't looked, but they would. No tracks were found but some familiar grunts were heard—coming from where? The tree-tops! This may be a Munchausen story, but it is true, nevertheless. The five hogs had been lodged in a big drift, where they had remained for two days, 38 feet from the ground. Corn was brought and the hogs came down—with a thud, and all in a heap. But no bones were broken and though stunned, after a few moments rest the five hogs ate their corn with a relish born of a two days fast in the tree-tops!

The few settlers on Illinois creek and West Branch were also driven out by the flood—some of them escaping from their houses and reaching a place of safety just in time to see the lights go out—extinguished by the rising waters. Much of their stock and fencing were gone but no lives were lost—for which all were thankful.

The waters of the Dragoon and Mission creek were the highest ever known. but, while, in some cases, the houses were surrounded by water, none were washed away and comparatively little damage was done. Some fields of corn in the low bottoms were partly washed out but after the flood much of the corn straightened up and good crops were raised.

But for years after the old settlers referred to the high waters of '58 as "The Big Flood."



AN OLD-TIME FENCE,
MORE FREQUENTLY SEEN THAN ANY OTHER, IN THE EARLY SIXTIES

Election Returns.

VOTE OF MARCH 28, 1859.

The first general election in Wabaunsee county, Kansas Territory, was held March 28, 1859, with the following result:

J. M. Hubbard for Probate Judge 111; G. M. Harvey, Clerk of County Court and Board of Supervisors, 111; Jehu Hodgson, Sheriff 109; Moses C. Welch, Register of Deeds, 111; Robert G. Terry, County Attorney, 111; August Brasche, Coroner, 111; Henry Harvey, County Treasurer, 111; G. Zwanziger, County Surveyor, 111; J. E. Platt, County Superintendent, 110; S. F. Ross, Auditor, 111.

Henry Harvey, J. M. Hubbard and G. Zwanziger canvassed the vote. W. S. Griswold, clerk. C. B. Lines was appointed messenger to convey the returns to the Governor.

VOTE OF NOVEMBER 8, 1859.

At an election held November 8, 1859, the following vote was cast:
Delegate to Congress: Marcus J. Parrott, 121; Sanders W. Johnson, 8.
For Councilman (Senator): J. B. Woodward, 121; H. N. Williams, 8.
For Representative: Amasa Bartlett, 129.
For Probate Judge: J. W. Hubbard, 101.
For County Clerk: S. E. Beach, 119.
For Sheriff: John Hodgson, 122.
For Register: E. C. D. Lines, 125.
For County Treasurer: H. W. Selden, 121.
For County Attorney: Woodridge Odlin,* 122.
For County Surveyor: G. Zwanziger, 124.
For County Superintendent: J. H. Gould, 122.
For Coroner: A. Brasche, 125.

VOTE OF DECEMBER 6, 1859.

At an election held December 6, 1859, under the Wyandotte Constitution for the election of state, district, county and township officers, the following vote was cast:

For Congress: Martin F. Conway, 121; John A. Halderman, 26; Marcus J. Parrott, 5.
For Governor: Charles Robinson, 128; Samuel Medary, 17.
For Senator: J. M. Hubbard, 109; Robert Reynolds, 17; Wm. Hoven-den, 11;

* Resigned. April, 1861.

For Representatives: Ernest Hoheneck,* 121; Abner Allen, 101; George W. Churchill, 77; D. M. Adams, 24; Churchill Morris, 24; E. J. Lines, 25; W. H. McKinley, 16; Herman Dierker, 16.

For Probate Judge: J. M. Hubbard,† 109; Edward Lower, 10; Woodbridge Odlin, 6; Wm. Hovenden, 8; Simon Dow, 4.

For Clerk of the Court: Edward C. D. Lines, 103; Chas. F. Hotchkiss, 14; S. E. Beach, 8.

For County Superintendent: J. H. Gould, 121; Geo. Rulison, 19.

For District Judge: Jacob Safford, 93; J. R. McClure, 16; R. A. Wilson, 14.

The following Justices of the Peace were elected: C. B. Lines and W. F. Cotton for Wabaunsee township; Ernest Hoheneck and Edward Lower, Alma; Allen Hodgson and Simon Dow, Wilmington; J. W. Mossman and S. F. Ross, Mission Creek.

Vote canvassed by Wm. Mitchell, G. Zwanziger and Isaiah Harris.

VOTE OF MARCH 6, 1860.

At an election held March 6, 1860, the following was the vote:

For Commissioner: James W. Blain, 183; James B. Ingersoll, 111; G. Zwanziger, 108; D. M. Johnston, 75; F. Hebrank, 79.

For County Assessor: H. M. Selden, 175; Isaiah Harris, 7.

ELECTION, NOVEMBER 6, 1860.

For Territorial Superintendent: John C. Douglas, 88; J. S. Magill, 3.

For County Superintendent: J. H. Gould, 81.

For Assessor: H. J. Loomis, 89.

Wm. Mitchell, Frank Hebrank and J. B. Ingersoll were elected County Commissioners.

For Territorial Representative, C. B. Lines 76 votes.

ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 1861.

For Governor, Geo. A. Crawford, 93; for Sheriff, Jehu Hodgson, 150; for Register, S. R. Weed, 153; for Treasurer, S. E. Beach, 151.

For Clerk of Court, J. V. B. Thompson, 113; Jesse B. Allen, 44.

For County Clerk, H. M. Selden, 78; G. G. Hall, 73.

For County Surveyor, G. Zwanziger, 163; for Coroner, A. Brache, 163.

For Assessor, D. L. Bates,‡ 114; H. J. Loomis, 45.

For District Attorney: A. H. Case, 113; L. DeArthur, 34.

For Commissioner: Wm. Mitchell, 115; F. X. Hebrank, 133; J. B. Ingersoll,§ 134.

* Mr. Hoheneck removing from the district, W. M. Snow was elected to fill vacancy. Election held April 6, 1861. The following are reported in the statutes of '61 as representatives: E. Hoheneck, Abner Allen and E. J. Lines.

† Resigned, October 6, 1862. G. G. Hall appointed.

‡ Bates dying, J. H. Akin was appointed April 6, 1863.

§ Resigned, and H. D. Shepard appointed January 6, 1863.

For Representatives: J. B. Ingersoll, 105; A. C. Pierce, 125; T. F. Herzog, 146; E. G. Robinson, 60; Thos. Pierce, 20; Geo. W. Freeman, 20; Geo. Montague, 20.

For State Capital: Topeka, 155; Lawrence, 4; Wabaunsee, 3; Manhattan, 1; Hendrick's Creek, 1.

ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 1862.

For Governor: Thomas Carney, 156; W. R. Wagstaff, 16.

For Congress: A. C. Wilder, 154; M. J. Parrott, 16.

For Senator: S. M. Strickler, 158; L. B. Perry, 12.

For Representative: J. B. Ingersoll, 77; D. M. Johnston 93.

For Probate Judge: G. G. Hall, 167.

For Clerk of Court: S. R. Weed, 109; J. W. Blain, 60,

For County Superintendent: J. H. Gould, 162.

ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 1863.

For Chief Justice: Robert Crozier, 136.

For District Attorney: A. H. Case, 85; C. H. Gilchrist, 51.

For Representative: D. M. Johnston, 109; Frank Meier, 24.

For Treasurer: S. R. Weed, 138; for County Clerk, H. M. Selden,* 131; for Sheriff, Samuel B. Harvey, 138; for Register, S. A. Baldwin, 138; for Coroner, August Brasche, 137; for Surveyor, Jesse Evans, 137; for Assessor, Wm Krieg, 132.

For Commissioner: E. R. McCurdy, 135; Joseph Treu, 136; H. D. Shepard, 134.

ELECTION, NOVEMBER 8, 1864.

Lincoln Electors, 163; McClellan Electors: Thos. Moonlight, 50; others 7 each.

For Governor: S. J. Crawford, 116; S. O. Thatcher, 63.

For Congress: Sidney Clark, 102; Albert L. Lee, 77.

For District Judge: David Brockway, 87; John P. Greer, 43; C. R. Gilchrist, 25; John G. Otis, 20.

For Senator: William K. Bartlett, 110; Robt. S. Miller, 67.

For Representative: H. D. Shepard, 108; G. Zwanziger, 65.

For Probate Judge, G. G. Hall, 173; for Clerk District Court, S. R. Weed, 133; for Sheriff, Geo. W. Daily, 90; for County Attorney, T. N. Hamilton,† 43; E. J. Lines,‡ 41.

For County Superintendent: E. R. Twitchell,§ 117; Chas. Guild, 36; G. R. Guild, 13.

* Died, and S. A. Baldwin appointed July 3, 1865.

† Election contested and Hamilton loses by default.

‡ Petition by E. Platt and 22 others to oust county attorney for drunkenness filed October 2, 1866.

§ Isaiah Harris appointed April 3, 1865 on account of death of E. R. Twitchell.

Canvass of vote deferred to December 19, to hear from soldier vote, but none received.

ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 1865.

For Representative, H. D. Shepard, 77; for Treasurer, S. R. Weed, 81; for County Clerk, S. H. Fairfield, 81; for Register, S. A. Baldwin, 80; for Sheriff, J. H. Pinkerton, 79; for assessor, G. M. Harvey,* 79; for County Superintendent, Isaiah Harris,† 78; for Coroner, A. Brasche, 76; for Surveyor, G. Zwanziger; for Commissioners, Wm. Mitchell, 77, Henry Schmitz, 80. Wm. D. Ewing, 77.

ELECTION, NOVEMBER 6, 1866.

For Governor: S. J. Crawford, 245; J. L. McDowell, 12.
For Congress: Sidney Clark, 259; Chas. Blain 12.
For Representative: H. J. Loomis, 168. D. M. Adams, 94.
For Senator: Luke F. Parsons, 134; Wm. F. Blakely, 124; W. M. S. Blakely, 5; Abram Barry, 4.
For Probate Judge, G. G. Hall, 268; for Clerk of District Court, S. R. Weed, 268; for County Superintendent, Isaiah Harris, 264; for County Attorney, N. H. Whittemore, 262.

ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 1867.

For Representative, Wm. Mitchell, 257; for Sheriff, John H. Pinkerton, 263; for Treasurer, S. H. Fairfield,‡ 232; G. Zwanziger, 47; for County Clerk, S. R. Weed, 279; for Register, S. R. Weed, 278; for Surveyor, S R Weed, 279; for Coroner, A. Brasche, 278; for Assessor, John Harriott,§ 279; for Commissioners, Henry Schmitz, 170; John Copp, 88; H. M. Sanford, 277; Morris Walton, 278.

ELECTION, NOVEMBER 6, 1868.

For President : Grant Electors, 333; Democratic, 41.
For Congress: Sidney Clark, 340; Chas. W. Blain, 42.
For Governor: James M. Harvey; 341; Geo. W. Glick, 43.
For Senator: J. H. Prescott, 369; R. E. Lawrenson, 19.
For Representative: Samuel R. Weed, 262; Wm. Mitchell, 123.
For Probate Judge, G. G. Hall, 385; for Clerk District Court, S. R. Weed, 342; for County Attorney, N. H. Whittimore, 303; E. H. Sanford, 68.
For County Superintendent: Martin V Allen,|| 252; T. M. Allen, 87; S. L. Russell, 33; W. F. Cotton. 12.
For Assessor: Ed. Herrick, 144; S. B. Easter, 35; E. Herriott, 35; Allen Hodgson, 25.
For a Jail, 171; against a Jail, 209.

* Resigned, April 2, 1867. Allen Hodson appointed.

† To fill vacancy caused by death of E. R. Twitchell.

‡ Appointed to fill vacancy, January 8, 1868.

§ April 27, 1868, Ed. Herrick appointed, Harriott not qualifying.

|| Martin V. Allen being declared a non-resident, T. M. Allen was appointed.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1869.

CANDIDATES.	Zeandale.....	Mission Creek.....	Praoon	Alma	Elm Creek.....	Alma		Maple Hill	Wabaunsee ..	Totals
						East Pr'ct.	West Pr'ct.			
Representative.										
J. H. Pinkerton	20	39	21	39	7	47	17	15	29	234
Sheriff.										
Ed Herrick.....	19	38	20	39	11	48	20	15	48	258
Treasurer.										
S. H. Fairfield.....	21	39	22	39	11	49	20	15	52	268
County Clerk.										
J. M. Matheny	21	39	22	39	11	48	29	15	51	266
Register of Deeds.										
S. H. Fairfield.....	21	39	22	39	11	49	29	15	52	268
County Superintendent.										
T. M. Allen.....	21	39	22	38	11	49	20	15	42	257
Surveyor.										
J. M. Matheny....	21	39	22	39	11	49	20	15	51	267
Coroner.										
A. Brasche.....	21	39	20	39	11	49	20	15	49	263
Commissioner.										
Joseph Thoes	1	29	1	26	1	22	9		10	99
E. Platt	20	11	21	13	10	27	11	15	49	173
J. Copp	20	10	22	12	9	28	11	15	36	163
A. Hodgson	21	39	19	36	10	45	20	15	51	256
Wm. Mitchell.....	1	28	1	25	1	22	6		10	94

NOTES.

Republican convention, Alma, Saturday, October 9. William Mitchell, Wabaunsee, chairman; J. H. Stubbs, Harveyville, secretary.

DELEGATES.

Alma: Ed Krapp, John Copp, G. W. Watson, Rudolph Arndt, N. H. Whittemore, Louis Muehlenbacher, F. Rickershauser.

Wabaunsee: Enoch Platt, S. A. Baldwin, Wm. Mitchell, Milo Wright.

Mission Creek: J. W. Mossman, James Herriott, J. W. Boyer, T. K. Tomson.

Zeandale: Thos. Keenan, J. M. Allen, Oscar Mecham.

Wilmington: Jos. Fields, J. H. Stubbs, Allen Hodgson, J. M. Johnson.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE: G. W. Watson; William Mitchell, J. W. Mossman, Thos. Keenan, Joseph Fields.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1870.

CANDIDATES.	Newbury West Pr'ct.	Newbury East Pr'ct.	Mission Creek	Zeandale.....	Wabaunsee...	Alma			Wilmington, Elm Creek.	Wilmington, Rock Creek	Total
						City.....	East Pr'ct.	West Pr'ct			
Congressman.											
D. P. Low	37	25	62	42	89	105	47	30	20	15	472
R. C. Foster	25		2	12					5	10	54
Governor.											
J. M. Harvey.....	37	24	63	42	89	96	47	29	20	14	461
Isaac Sharp.....	25	3	2	12					5	10	57
Representative.											
J. H. Pinkerton.....	61	29	64	41	67	106	48	30	20	17	483
Probate Judge.											
G. G. Hall.....	61	29	64	51	91	107	48	29	20	23	523
Superintendent.											
R. M. Tunnell*.....	58	20	64	50	92	76	13	11	20	23	427
County Attorney.											
N. H. Whittemore	56	30	60	30	26	33	34	15	6	16	306
J. T. Keagy	5		2	24	66	74	13	15	19	7	225
Clerk Dist. Court.											
R. G. Mossman.....	61	27	64	50	92	104	44	29	20	24	515
Senator.											
J. H. Prescott.....	50	27	61	41	89	106	47	30	20	15	486

*Resigned October 3, 1871, to take effect November 1.

NOTES.

Republican convention, Alma, September 5. G. W. Watson, chairman; S. A. Baldwin, secretary.

DELEGATES.

Alma: E. Krapp, A. Sellers, Jos. Treu, H. Grimm, A. Dieball, Wm. Horne, G. W. Watson, John Hess, J. P. Gleich.

Newbury: John Winkler, J. H. Durham, R. H. Moser, C. C. Stalker, J. E. Horn.

Wabaunsee: S. A. Baldwin, G. S. Burt, B. C. Benedict, Wm. Mitchell, E. Platt, G. G. Hall.

Mission Creek: Ed Morehouse, E. M. Hewins, S. Sower, C. Little, Thos. Barker.

Wilmington: M. Walton, P. A. Green, H. C. McKee, H. C. Tapscott, John Fields, John Barlow, Wm. Prothrow.

Zeandale: W. Stewart, J. M. Allen, T. Keenan, J. H. Williams.

No other convention held.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1871.

CANDIDATES.	Total
Representative.	
J. M. Johnson.....	397
C. C. Little.....	365
Treasurer.	
Chas. Ross.....	410
H. C. McKee.....	395
County Clerk.	
G. W. Watson.....	411
J. M. Matheny.....	354
Sheriff.	
Ed Herrick.....	400
John Herriott.....	369
County Superintendent.	
W. F. Cotton.....	408
S. L. Russell.....	362
Coroner.	
C. S. Montgomery.....	400
John Zenner.....	368
Register Deeds.	
S. H. Fairfield.....	399
R. G. Mossman.....	373
Surveyor.	
G. Zwanziger.....	405
D. R. Alden.....	366
R. R. Assessor.	
Samuel R. Weed.....	215
S. S. Cooper.....	126
Commissioner 1st District.	
Jos. Thoes.....	145
F. Rickershauser.....	101

NOTES.

Republican convention, Alma, Tuesday, October 10.

The following candidates were nominated: representative, C. C. Little; treasurer, H. C. McKee; clerk, J. M. Matheny; sheriff, John Herriott; county superintendent, S. L. Russell; coroner, John Zenner; register deeds, R. G. Mossman; surveyor, D. R. Alden; R. R. assessor, S. S. Cooper.

On October 17, the following "People's Ticket" was nominated: representative, J. M. Johnson; treasurer, Chas. Ross; clerk, G. W. Watson; register deeds, S. H. Fairfield; surveyor, G. Zwanziger; coroner, C. S. Montgomery; county superintendent, W. F. Cotton.

No tabulated statement of votes for this year was kept by the county clerk. Neither does such a statement appear in the only newspaper published.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1872.

CANDIDATES.	Alma	Mill Creek	West Branch	Prairie	Wabaunsee ...	Hendricks Ck	Newbury	Maple Hill.....	Mission Creek.	Grant.....	Wilmington ..	Dragoon	Elm Creek	Rock Creek ...	Totals	Majorities
President.																
Grant Electors.....	69	41	17	19	80	30	73	25	40	79	25	57	54	23	632	444
Greeley Electors.....	57	8	4	7	15	8	19	16	11	3	9	8	12	11	188	
Governor.																
T. A. Osborn.....	64	42	17	20	79	30	74	25	17	77	23	55	54	23	600	382
T. H. Walker	60	10	4	7	14	8	22	16	32	5	10	8	11	11	218	
Senator.																
C. S. Martin.....	53	8	15	16	39	28	39	24	19	79	15	42	30	13	420	19
H. D. Shepard.....	71	46	3	11	56	10	57	16	30	3	19	22	36	21	401	
Representative.																
A. Sellers	118	43	19	20	66	33	77	19	21	26	17	36	19	8	522	391
J. M. Bisbey	5	2	1	6	22	4	3	3	20	8	12	5	10	24	125	
E. H. Sanford		4			1		13	18	8	48	11	3	35		131	
Probate Judge.																
G. G. Hall	125	51	21	27	95	38	94	40	40	81	33	59	67	34	814	
Clerk Dist. Court.																
R. G. Mossman	64	51	2	20	29	22	89	25	38	83	26	57	48	25	579	337
A. W. Gregory.....	61		19	7	67	16	7	15	11		7	5	18	9	242	
County Superintendent.																
W. S. McCormick.	115	48	19	19	84	32	89	25	37	78	26	42	37	22	673	552
I. Harris	8	2	2	8	7	6	3	15	11	3	6	11	27	12	121	
County Attorney.																
J. T. Keagy	105	30	20	12	24	23	45	28	10	7	16	19	7	30	376	94
W. A. Doolittle	15	17	1	14	3	8	46	1	21	60	12	36	46	2	282	
E. H. Sanford	1	4						10	4	15		1	8	1	44	
S. R. Weed.....	4	1			67	4	3		3		2	3	1		88	

NOTES.

There being but one newspaper published in the county in 1872, and there being no copies of the one paper on file in the State Historical Society covering the campaign period of that year, notes relative to the convention held are not obtainable.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1873.

CANDIDATES.	Alma	Spring Creek.	West Branch.	Prairie....	Farmer	Mill Creek	Rock Creek ...	Newbury	River	Maple Hill.....	Wabaunsee ...	Hendricks Ck	Mission Creek.	Grant....	Wilmington ..	Dragon	Elm Creek	Totals	Majorities
Representative.																			
A. Sellers	121	9	11	12	37	37	4	79	10	13	60	20	24	15	8	14	12	486	258
A. M. Reed	2		3	5		2	21	16	11	26	36	2	2	30	16	20	36	228	
Treasurer.																			
Chas. Ross	123	9	18	17	38	39	30	97	27	39	103	22	31	47	25	41	46	752	752
Sheriff.																			
B. Hoskinson	110	9	11	12	36	19	21	77	17	13	59	17	21	15	7	13	13	479	203
J. Fields.....	13		7	5	1	20	9	19	5	26	41	5	10	32	17	23	34	267	
County Clerk.																			
G. W. Watson....	121	9	18	17	38	39	30	94	27	39	102	22	31	47	25	41	45	745	745
Register of Deeds.																			
S. H. Fairfield.....	105	9	11	16	35	22	6	62	15	4	65	17	15	7	14	17	13	433	129
N. W. Dressie.....	17		7		3	16	23	33	8	34	37	5	15	40	10	21	35	304	
Clerk Dist. Court.																			
W. A. Doolittle	115	9	18	17	38	38	28	87	28	39	102	22	31	47	25	40	46	730	730
Surveyor.																			
G. Zwanziger.....	119	9	16	17	38	39	30	96	28	39	103	22	31	47	25	39	47	745	745
Coroner.																			
H. Schmitz.....	115	5	18	16	29	39	8	15	26	12	90	22	21			10	13	439	439
Commissioner.																			
Jos. Thoes	99	2	4	12	36	38	1											192	115
Robt. Fix	23	7	13	4	2	1	27											77	
J. W. Crandall.....													27	44	26	28	47	172	172
A. E. True								79	9	26	49	21						184	85
A. Phillips								17	16	13	53							99	

NOTES.

People's Mass convention held in Alma, October 2, 1873. P. A. Green, chairman; C. S. Montgomery, secretary.

The following ticket was nominated: representative, A. M. Reed; treasurer, Chas. Ross; clerk, G. W. Watson; sheriff, Joseph Fields; register, N. W. Dressie; surveyor, G. Zwanziger; clerk court, W. A. Doolittle; coroner, Henry Schmitz; commissioners, J. R. Fix, A. E. True and J. W. Crandall.

At the republican convention the same ticket was nominated except: A. Sellers for representative; S. H. Fairfield for register of deeds and B. Hoskinson for sheriff.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1874.

CANDIDATES.	Alma	Wabaunsee	Newbury	River	Maple Hill	Mission Creek	Grant	Harveyville	Elm Creek	Wilmington	Rock Creek	Mill Creek	Farmer	West Branch	Paxico	Spring Creek	Totals	Majorities
Governor.																		
T. A. Osborn	122	49	37	14	23	24	30	30	25	21	15	39	22	22	23	7	506	264
J. C. Cusey	23	54	42	13	13	13	37	3	14	13	5	1	10		1		242	
Congressman.																		
W. R. Brown	125	67	45	11	23	22	29	27	24	17	18	15	22	21	23	8	498	226
J. K. Hudson	21	49	37	16	13	14	38	7	14	17	6	25	13	1	1		272	
Senator.																		
C. S. Martin	109	67	21	11	11	16	24	18	22	15	3	12	19	23	23	8	402	48
T. K. Tomson	34	42	62	16	21	18	43	16	17	19	21	28	16		1		354	
Representative.																		
S. A. Baldwin	82	68	41	13	19	22	27	31	29	18	16	19	14	10	23	7	439	104
Wm. Mitchell	65	46	42	14	17	15	40	4	10	16	8	21	22	13	1	1	335	
Probate Judge.																		
G. G. Hall	145	113	78	26	35	37	67	31	39	34	24	39	34	23	24	8	760	760
Clerk Dist. Court.																		
Percival Hawes	126	70	32	12	13	14	28	13	29	17	13	18	20	22	24	8	359	67
W. W. Cone	20	40	48	15	22	22	38	18	9	16	7	22	15				292	
County Superintendent.																		
W. S. McCormick	29	72	36	13	22	22	35	32	32	27	14	10	2	7	7	7	367	
F. W. Kroenke	116	39	47	13	13	14	27	1	6	7	6	30	32	16	17	1	385	18
County Attorney.																		
J. T. Keagy	145	71	22	16	15	16	9	21	16	18	2	35	34	23	23	8	475	196
C. A. Stringham	3	37	61	11	20	20	55	9	22	15	21	4			1		279	

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Republican convention, Alma, October 8. Mr. E. N. Morehouse, chairman; J. P. Evans, secretary.

Nominations: S. A. Baldwin, representative; G. G. Hall, probate judge; Percival Hawes, clerk district court; W. S. McCormick, county superintendent; J. T. Keagy, county attorney.

Reform convention, Alma, Friday, October 9. H. A. Stiles, chairman; L. A. Knapp, secretary.

Nominations: Wm. Mitchell, representative; G. G. Hall, probate judge; W. W. Cone, clerk district court; F. W. Kroenke, county superintendent; C. A. Stringham, county attorney.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1875.

CANDIDATES.	Alma	Wabaunsee	Wilmington	Elm Creek	Dragoon	Newbury	Mission Creek	Grant	Maple Hill	Kaw	Mill Creek	Farmer	West Branch	Prairie	Rock Creek	Totals	Majorities
Representative.																	
S. A. Baldwin.....	50	78	25	22	46	36	36	32	49	11	11	2	3	4	8	413	16
Joseph Treu.....	83	12	7	17	2	38	2	37	15	24	53	49	23	21	14	397	
Treasurer.																	
Joseph Fields.....	112	53	18	7	43	39	13	30	49	15	57	13	13	12	3	477	158
Walter Ross.....	19	36	12	31	1	33	23	40	14	20	7	38	13	13	19	319	
Register of Deeds.																	
S. H. Fairfield.....	131	82	27	38	46	70	38	67	63	35	64	49	26	25	21	782	780
County Clerk.																	
G. W. Watson.....	99	40	29	36	42	18	32	40	23	15	43	40	11	13	19	500	196
Wm. Mitchell.....	33	53	1	3	3	54	5	30	41	20	21	11	14	12	3	304	
Sheriff.																	
B. Hoskinson.....	132	93	28	38	46	70	38	68	64	35	64	51	26	25	23	800	800
Clerk Dist. Court.																	
A. W. Gregory.....	132	92	31	39	45	73	38	71	64	34	64	51	26	25	23	808	808
County Superintendent.																	
W. E. Richey.....	130	93	20	38	35	73	38	71	64	34	64	51	26	25	23	785	779
Surveyor.																	
S. R. Weed.....	52	69	28	31	31	37	28	34	53	9	60	21	16	22	22	513	241
W. T. Mahan.....	78	22	1	7	2	33	8	37	12	26	4	29	9	3	1	272	
Coroner.																	
T. N. Watts.....	112	92	31	39	47	70	38	71	63	35	64	51	26	25	22	786	767
Commissioner.																	
J. R. Fix.....	97										24	4	14	7	13	159	6
Wm. Strassen.....	31										4	47	10	18	7	153	
W. E. Little.....			13	5	41		26	33								118	17
G. W. French.....			17	34	4		12	34								101	
J. R. Gross.....		78				42			54	15						189	147
H. Fauerbach.....					21				2	19						42	

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Republican convention, Alma, Thursday, September 16. A. Sellers, chairman; Geo. W. French, secretary.

The following candidates were nominated: S. A. Baldwin, representative; Jos. Fields, treasurer; S. H. Fairfield, register deeds; G. W. Watson, county clerk; B. Hoskinson, sheriff; A. W. Gregory, district clerk; W. E. Richey, county superintendent; S. R. Weed, county surveyor; T. N. Watts, coroner; J. R. Fix, W. E. Little and J. R. Gross, commissioners.

People's convention, Germania Hall, Alma, October 12. J. M. Lingfelter, chairman; H. A. Stiles, secretary.

Nominations: Joseph Treu, representative; Walter Ross, county treasurer; S. H. Fairfield, register deeds; Wm. Mitchell, county clerk; B. Hoskinson, sheriff; A. W. Gregory, clerk district court; W. E. Richey, county superintendent; T. N. Watts, coroner; W. T. Mahan, surveyor; Wm. Strassen, G. W. French and J. R. Gross, commissioners.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1876.

CANDIDATES.	Alma	Wabaunsee	Wilmington	Harveyville	Elm Creek	Newbury	Mission Creek	Grant	Maple Hill	Kaw	Mill Creek	Farmer	West Branch	Prairie	Rock Creek	Totals	Majorities
President.																	
R. B. Hayes.....	110	109	23	58	39	66	45	77	41	20	57	14	22	29	18	728	453
S. J. Tilden.....	32	25	6	6	13	49	10	14	18	19	10	40	9	17	7	275	
Congressman,																	
Thos. Ryan.....	114	109	23	59	40	66	42	75	39	20	56	14	23	29	16	725	441
S. J. Crawford.....	29	26	6	5	14	48	15	16	20	19	11	40	11	17	7	281	
Governor.																	
Geo. T. Anthony..	74	88	22	55	41	57	34	51	24	18	28	10	13	24	8	550	116
John Martin.....	68	39	6	8	13	57	21	29	34	21	36	44	21	22	15	434	
Judge.																	
J. G. Morton.....	143	131	2	64	53	114	57	91	59	39	65	54	34	46	26	1005	
Senator.																	
O. H. Sheldon.....	74	81	22	58	24	65	37	53	25	20	32	13	24	4	5	544	87
D. B. Burdick.....	67	48	6	5	29	49	20	38	34	19	35	41	10	42	14	457	
Representative.																	
E. N. Morehouse.....	74	78	25	62	36	51	44	53	23	16	24	9	11	14	14	534	84
Jos. Tren.....	67	49	4	1	17	59	10	35	35	23	40	45	22	32	11	450	
Probate Judge.																	
G. G. Hall.....	142	135	29	55	54	113	56	91	59	39	67	53	33	46	18	990	
Clerk Dist. Court.																	
H. G. Licht.....	86	89	21	59	32	42	27	60	25	20	51	22	25	11	21	591	192
E. D. Rose.....	51	38	8	5	22	70	27	29	34	19	15	32	9	35	4	398	
County Superintendent.																	
W. E. Richey.....	141	129	26	61	49	111	56	91	57	36	67	53	34	44	26	984	
County Attorney.																	
W. A. Doolittle.....	92	68	28	52	24	62	38	36	25	17	20	14	17	26	18	537	256
W. F. Cotton.....	37	60		1	23	15	19	30	21	1	37	15	20	2	2	281	
E. H. Sanford.....	7			11	29	19	2	38	1		45	2	2		5	161	

NOTES.

Republican convention, Alma, Wednesday, September 27. Enoch Platt, Wabaunsee, chairman; W. H. Warren, Maple Hill, secretary.

The following nominations were made: representative, E. N. Morehouse; probate judge, G. G. Hall; clerk court, H. G. Licht; county superintendent, W. E. Richey; county attorney, W. A. Doolittle.

Mass convention, Alma, October 7. G. S. Kneeland, Keene, chairman; Warren Scofield, Alma, secretary.

Nominated Joseph Tren for representative and W. F. Cotton for county attorney.

Endorsed G. G. Hall for probate judge and W. E. Richey for county superintendent.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1877.

CANDIDATES.	Alma	Farmer	West Branch	Peuple	Mill Creek	Rock Creek	Harveyville	Williamston	Grant	Elm Creek	Mission Creek	Newbury	Wabaunsee	Kaw	Maple Hill	Totals	Majorities
County Clerk.																	
T. N. Watts	85	15	3	14	15	5	15	25	65	23	25	58	104	46	41	514	76
J. T. Keagy	86	33	21	26	61	19	32	11	16	27	17	43	8	12	27	438	
County Treasurer.																	
A. L. McNair	54	6	1	15	10	2	10	16	64	23	22	60	84	42	38	447	
Jos. Fields	89	47	24	25	66	23	34	20	17	29	22	42	27	17	30	511	64
Sheriff.																	
D. M. Garduer	57	1	1	18	14		12	27	67	27	16	57	99	45	41	482	1
C. Zehner	86	51	23	32	62	25	35	11	12	25	27	65	15	14	28	481	
Register.																	
S. H. Fairfield	63	39	8	16	49	1	17	21	63	27	13	64	10	46	39	572	180
Chas. Ross	80	14	16	24	26	29	35	9	18	24	30	37	12	13	30	392	
County Surveyor.																	
J. B. Easter	53	13	2	18	14	6	11	22	65	24	22	58	87	46	42	483	32
W. T. Mahan	85	37	22	22	62	18	34	14	16	27	21	45	8	13	27	457	
Coroner.																	
J. P. Brown	55		2	18	17	2	11	27	67	26	23	57	100	47	39	491	16
Geo. Koenig	85	50	21	22	59	27	36	12	13	26	21	46	14	13	30	475	
Commissioner.																	
Jasper Holman	58		1	16	15	10										100	
L. Pauly	84	54	23	23	56	20										260	160
G. W. French							11	36	66	31	36					164	68
Dwight Ferry							33	9	15	21	18						96
Wm. Mitchell												58	105	41	33	239	135
Henry Faurbach												45	5	17	35	102	

NOTES.

Republican convention Thursday, October 4; J. H. Gould, Wabaunsee, chairman; M. W. Janes, Maple Hill, secretary.

Two Alma delegations—origin of Watson and Sellers factions. Watson delegation H. Schmitz, chairman, seated. Sellers delegation led by W. H. Lyons bolted the convention, chairman and secretary going out with bolters. Convention was reorganized with H. McKee chairman and, G. W. Greenwood, secretary. Bolters repaired to McElroy's store and elected J. C. Henderson chairman and C. C. Little secretary.

Extra mill tax alleged to be assessed for banking purposes the leading argument used in the campaign. The candidates first named were nominated by the Sellers convention.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1878.

CANDIDATES.	Alma	Wabaunsee	Elm Creek	Dragon	Williamington	Newbury	Gunt	Mission Creek	Maple Hill	Kaw	Mill Creek	Farmer	West Branch	Prairie	Rock Creek	Totals	Majorities
Governor.																	
J. P. St. John	81	111	45	52	43	48	57	28	52	32	33	12	4	19	19	640	216
J. R. Goodin	80	20	12	8	10	67	11	1	20	47	43	31	26	19	20	424	
Congress.																	
Thos. Ryan	151	113	41	52	41	78	59	28	55	35	54	28	20	37	25	820	558
J. B. Fugate	9	19	13	8	9	58	10		21	44	27	17	10	1	16	292	
Senator.																	
L. E. Finch	158	108	47	49	40	65	61	28	44	29	53	25	20	38	19	788	474
D. B. Burdick	10	18	12	14	9	64	17	19	34	40	18	17	11	16	15	314	
Representative.																	
C. O. Kinne	55	77	23	21	27	84	37	6	25	42	7	12	1	7	3	427	
L. J. McCrumb	106	53	32	39	24	66	27	25	51	36	68	33	29	32	40	664	237
G. S. Kneeland	1	18	8	5	11		19	16	2		5			15	8	88	
Probate Judge.																	
G. G. Hall	64	12	37	33	29	100	68	27	24	38	37	10	1	20	7	607	46
G. Zwanziger	99	25	25	29	22	46	14	22	54	41	42	35	30	34	43	561	
County Attorney.																	
J. M. Matheny	59	82	27	21	21	82	61	23	24	60	18	12		20	7	496	
W. A. Doolittle	108	56	36	39	27	67	23	23	68	34	62	20	30	34	43	654	158
County Superintendent.																	
W. E. Richey	59	72	26	25	29	81	31	7	20	40	26	17	5	20	10	475	
Matt. Thomson	108	66	39	81	11	70	51	42	58	38	52	28	26	24	41	692	217
District Clerk.																	
W. H. Lyons	56	88	36	29	28	107	63	24	13	35	13	12	1	20	8	538	
H. G. Licht	110	57	28	37	24	44	21	21	53	44	66	32	30	34	43	647	109
Commissioner.																	
A. Schewe	64										31	23	2	22	10	152	
L. Pauly	101										48	22	29	32	41	273	121

NOTES.

Greenback convention, Thursday, August 1. H. A. Stiles, chairman; John Sudweeks, secretary.

The following nominations were made: G. S. Kneeland for representative; J. M. Matheny, county attorney; Matt. Thomson, county superintendent; G. G. Hall, probate judge and district clerk (nomination declined by Judge Hall).

Republican convention, Thursday, October 10. (Sellers Faction). C. B. Lines, chairman; A. F. Wade, secretary.

The first named candidates were nominated at this convention.

Opposition convention, Monday, October 15. (Watson Faction). Ed. Herrick, chairman; P. Hawes, secretary.

In the call "all qualified electors without regard to party" were invited to participate in the convention.

Democratic convention, Saturday, October 19. Joseph Treu, chairman; C. H. Thompson, secretary.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1879.

CANDIDATES.	Alma	Wabaunsee	Kaw	Newbury	Maple Hill	Mission Creek	Grant	Dragoon	Wilmington	Elm Creek	Rock Creek	Prairie	West Branch	Farmer	Mill Creek	Total	Majorities
Clerk.																	
T. N. Watts	138	112	33	69	49	65	79	48	14	40	42	16	32	34	67	838	564
A. J. Ward	43	16	24	77	11	3	6	7	22	20	18	10	...	9	8	274	
Treasurer.																	
Chas. Ross	153	111	31	79	54	63	70	48	25	49	58	25	30	34	69	899	713
Wm. Strasen	28	11	25	64	8	4	5	3	7	11	2	1	2	9	6	186	
Register.																	
L. A. Eldy	83	58	17	40	26	65	20	27	7	36	53	1	15	15	1	464	
S. H. Fairfield	89	67	22	95	27	3	64	26	19	12	3	23	17	28	73	568	104
T. R. McElroy	9	2	18	12	9	...	1	1	8	10	4	2	...	2	1	79	
Sheriff.																	
D. M. Gardner	169	116	17	41	51	66	67	52	26	49	41	18	25	30	70	838	565
John Mock	14	13	40	102	10	1	16	3	9	11	19	8	7	15	5	273	
Surveyor.																	
W. T. Mahan	160	48	20	60	39	57	40	28	10	38	38	15	25	31	65	674	403
J. B. Easter	13	69	7	45	12	8	40	21	17	10	4	3	7	9	6	271	
J. M. Pancoast	8	117	30	41	10	2	5	3	9	12	16	7	...	5	4	152	
Coroner.																	
J. P. Brown	166	12	30	81	50	64	82	52	25	32	33	22	32	33	56	875	656
M. F. Trivett	7	...	27	65	11	3	3	3	11	28	26	2	...	3	18	219	
Commissioners.																	
G. W. French ...	...	...	...	...	...	59	72	13	17	42	...	...	...	...	...	203	151
John Barlow	...	...	...	...	...	8	9	3	1	14	...	...	...	...	...	35	
Geo L. Horton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	14	3	...	...	...	...	...	52	

NOTES.

Copies of newspapers not on file with historical society—hence dates of conventions held could not be obtained.

First named candidates were nominated at a Republican convention held sometime in October.

Last named candidates—except commissioner—nominated at Democratic mass convention.

Being an off year the campaign was quiet from the beginning.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1880.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Farmer.	Prairie.	Kaw.	Maple Hill.	Mill Creek.	Mission Creek.	Grant.	Newbury.	Dragon.	Rock Creek.	Wabaunsee.	Wilmington.	West Branch.	Elm Creek.	Totals.	Majorities.
Senator.																	
L. E. Finch.....	121	14	13	23	72	34	43	59	114	16	64	86	23	16	50	748	
H. D. Shepard.....	100	51	30	101	59	77	19	63	106	67	67	91	41	42	108	1022	174
Representative																	
L. J. McCrumb.....	172	43	34	51	90	86	57	95	188	64	72	123	46	47	118	1254	831
Geo. W. Thompson.....	42	23	3	67	42	24	4	18	32	14	39	56	19	10	30	423	
A. H. Stiles.....	7	1	6	4	1	1	3	11	4	3	21	11	1	1	10	58	
Probate Judge.																	
J. T. Keagy.....	149	53	34	43	83	93	47	61	146	42	70	51	35	40	100	1145	590
G. G. Hall.....	57	8	8	29	9	8	7	47	67	29	21	104	25	12	44	455	
A. W. Gregory.....	17	3	3	49	42	11	9	16	29	12	41	32	7	4	18	293	
County Attorney.																	
G. G. Cornell.....	198	59	32	66	74	97	52	78	148	70	58	153	46	52	62	1247	1010
H. A. Pierce.....	12	6	9	11	27	1	1	12	67	4	41	13	9	2	22	237	
E. H. Sanford.....	4	...	...	37	25	5	...	28	...	2	23	18	7	...	72	221	
County Superintendent.																	
Matt Thomson.....	159	46	36	97	81	90	41	94	142	74	62	95	40	52	111	1220	701
W. E. Richey.....	54	20	7	25	53	20	22	26	77	10	58	78	24	5	40	519	
Clerk of District Court.																	
H. G. Licht.....	155	59	36	70	90	99	52	78	141	60	78	118	55	44	123	1252	949
W. H. Lyons.....	59	9	4	1	1	1	...	29	56	11	19	28	2	6	14	239	
C. A. Reid.....	7	1	3	52	44	11	11	20	21	11	35	44	11	10	22	303	
Commissioner.																	
F. L. Raymond.....	...	...	...	69	89	...	...	148	...	...	152	...	...	...	...	458	284
S. S. Blyton.....	...	...	...	42	39	...	...	58	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	174	

NOTES.

Republican convention held Thursday, October 7; J. H. Gould, Wabaunsee, chairman; L. E. North, Eskridge, secretary.

Democratic convention Friday, October 8; L. Pauly, Alma, chairman; R. A. Wald, secretary.

Greenback convention Saturday, October 23.

The interest of the Republican convention was centered on representative—Mr. L. J. McCrumb and Mr. Alden E. True, being the contestants. The former was regarded as belonging to the Watson faction and Mr. True to the Sellers faction. In forecasting the strength of the two factions there appeared to be a majority of four in favor of the Sellers side, thus assuring the nomination of Mr. True. When the vote was taken Mr. McCrumb was declared the nominee. The ballot on superintendent resulted as follows: W. E. Richey, 34; A. F. Wade, 22; E. Newby, 10; blank 1, giving Mr. Richey the nomination by 1 vote.

The vote on president: Garfield, 1279; Hancock, 510.

For governor: John P. St. John, 1032; Edmund G. Ross, 697.

For congress: Thos. Ryan, 1250; Wade McDonald, 502.

For judge: John T. Morton, 910; Jacob Safford, 831.

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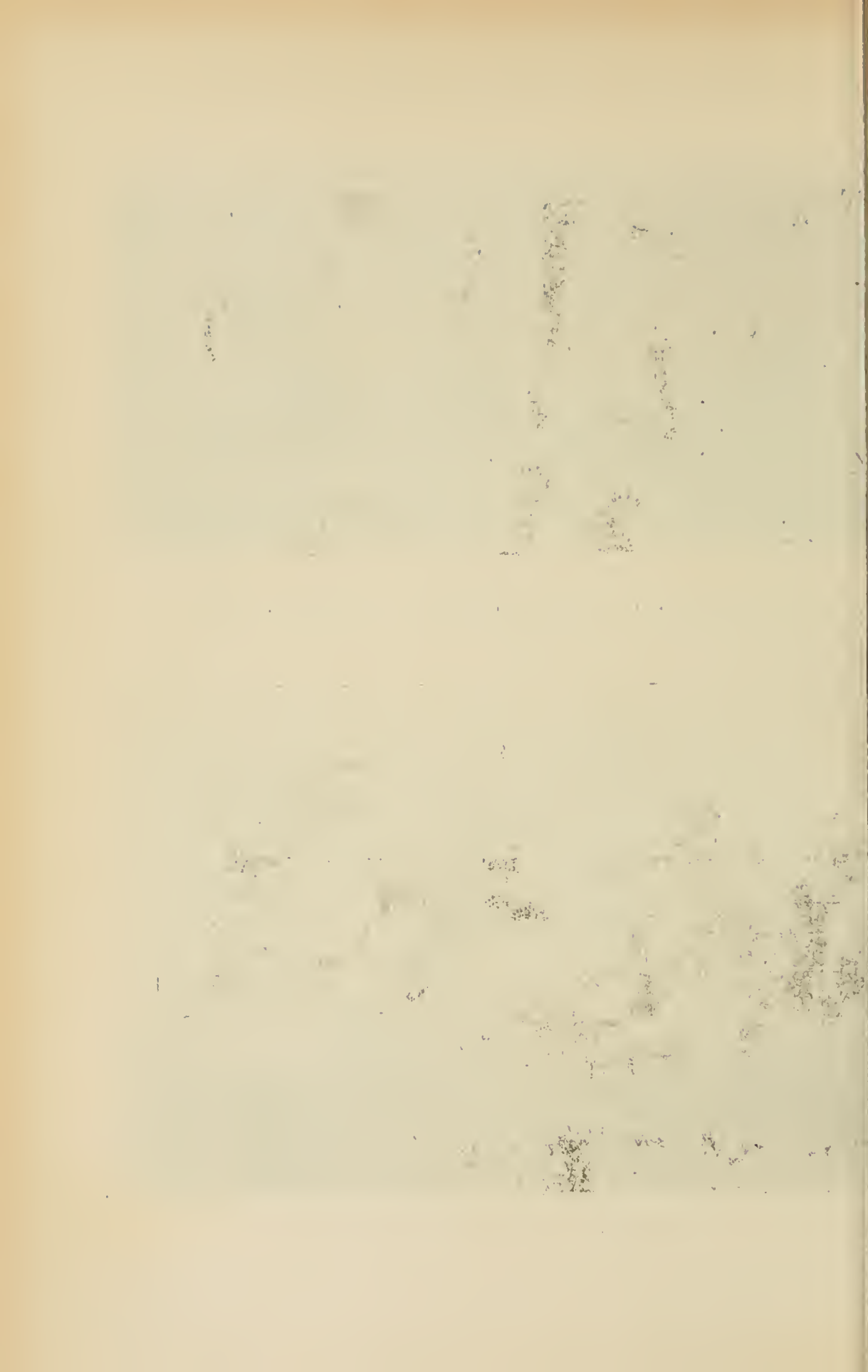
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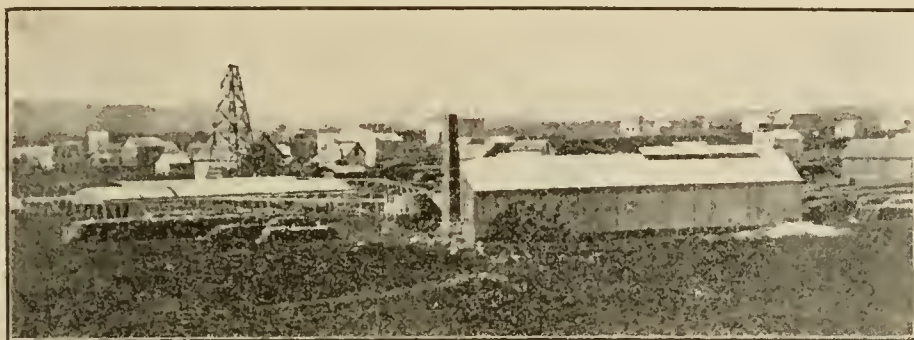
DOUBLE ARCH BRIDGE—FOUR MILES SOUTH-WEST OF ALMA.



EVANGELICAL CHURCH, WELLS CREEK.



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ALMA SALT-WORKS IN 1874.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 15.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 2.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 45.



SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH,
Mill Creek Township.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 23,
Rock Creek.



UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
Eskridge.



RESIDENCE OF MR. WM. HORNE,
Alma.



VIEW OF KANSAS RIVER,
from the Andy Wilson place.



WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH,
Keene.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 48.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



BAPTIST CHURCH, ESKRIDGE.



M. E. CHURCH, ALMA, 1880.



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ALMA.



EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ALMA.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



WEST SIDE SOUTH KANSAS AVENUE, Alma.



WEST SIDE SOUTH MISSOURI STREET, Alma.



LUTHERAN CHURCH, PARSONAGE, AND SCHOOL, Alma.

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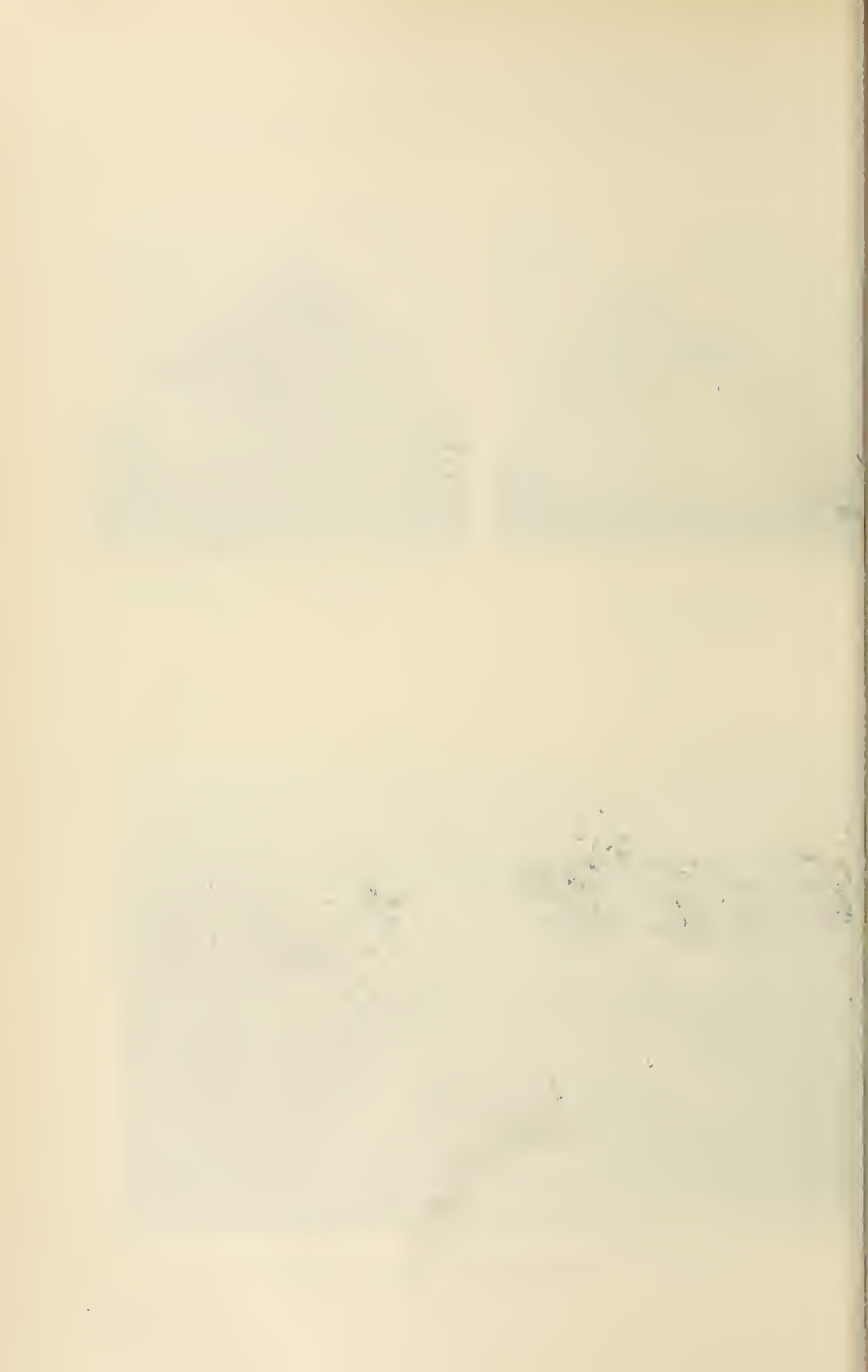
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SCHOOLHOUSE AT WILMINGTON.



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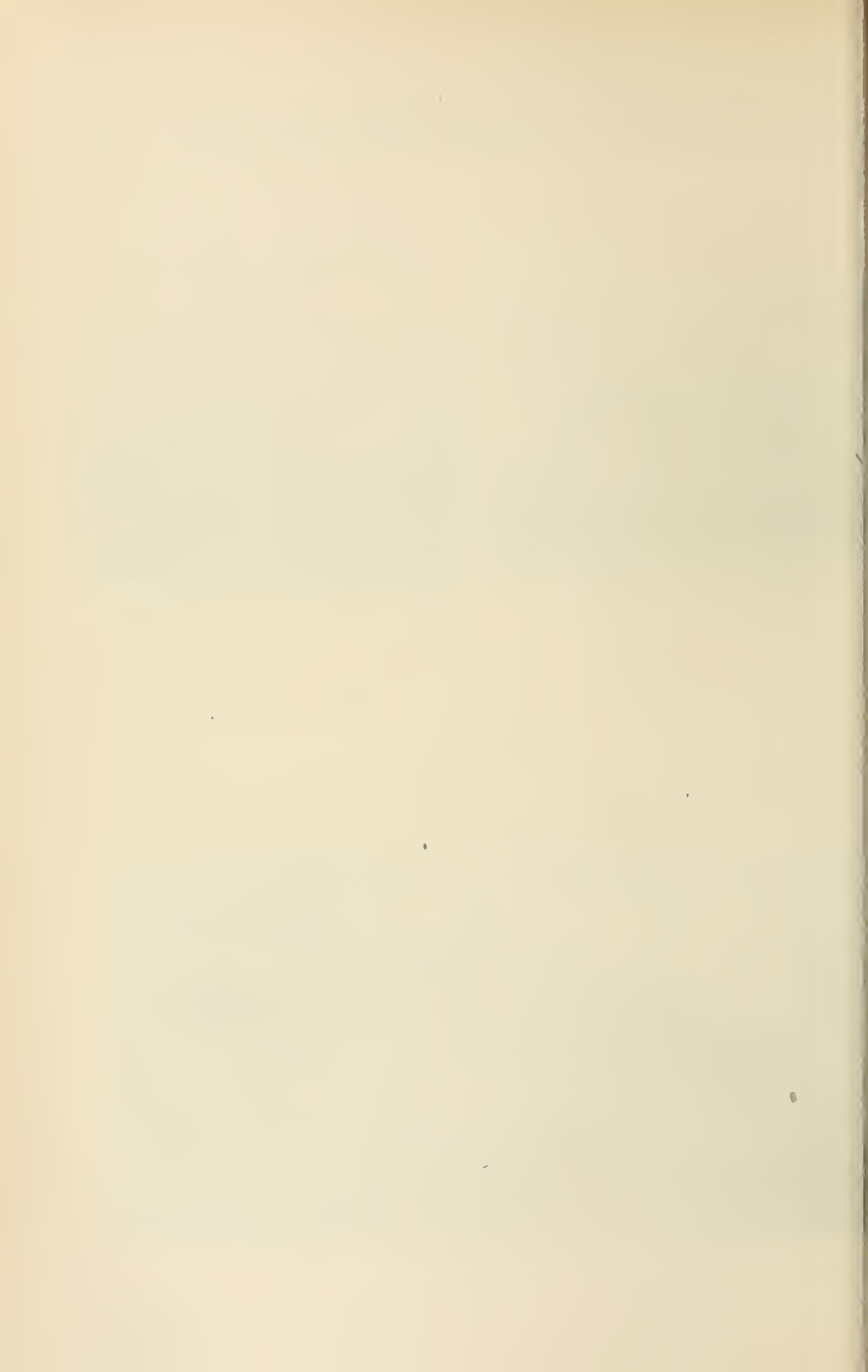
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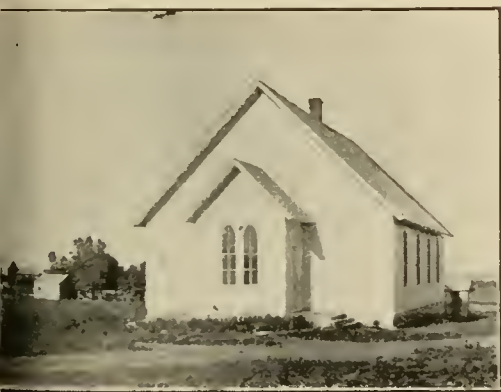
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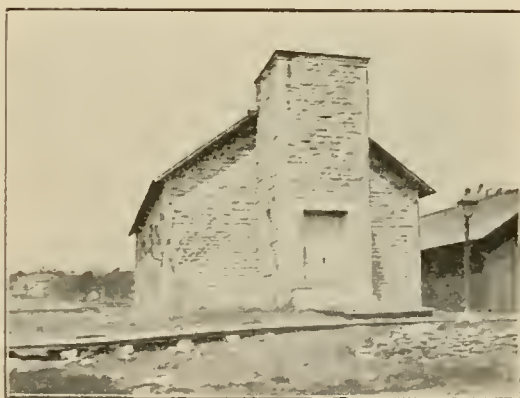
ONE OF "UNCLE SAM'S KIDS."
Mr. Ira Hodgson, of Frisco, Ok.



MRS. WALPURGE DAUM,
Alma, 1870.



COVENANTER CHURCH, ESKRIDGE.



CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ESKRIDGE.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



SOHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 9.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 66.



STONE SCHOOL-HOUSE.



FALK SCHOOL BUILDING.



OLD SCHOOL BUILDING.



KEENE SCHOOL BUILDING.

THE ALMA CITY SCHOOLS.



Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1881.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Farmer	Wabaunsee	Maple Hill	Kaw	Mission Creek	Rock Creek	Wilmington	Newbury	Mill Creek	Washington	Totals	Majorities
Treasurer													
Chas Ross	127	12	126	60	79	94	69	263	136	53	52	1071	724
G. Zwanziger	102	42	23	1	10	44	4	21	35	39	26	347	
Register of Deeds.													
S. H. Fairfield.....	90	24	87	18	62	87	22	137	84	61	34	706	28
Joseph Fields	135	28	60	45	26	41	47	139	85	28	44	678	
County Clerk.													
D. M. Gardner.....	98	6	100	27	30	65	2	69	71	8	15	492	105
W. A. Doolittle.....	42	6	4	6	18	52	37	103	35	50	34	387	
T. N. Watts.....	62	19	45	21	35	11	3	49	29	23	20	317	
D. V. Dowd	26	24	1	8	6	10	33	68	36	11	7	230	
Sheriff.													
H. J. Pippert.....	104	49	19		5	25	5	86	49	76	52	470	113
W. T. DeArmond ...	103	5	22	29	1	39		15	53	3	10	280	
J. E. Anderson.....	11		81	9	72	27	42	82	19	7	7	357	
B. F. Hoskinson.....	5	2	1	19	7	16	20	28	49		1	148	
G. A. Woods	5		24	4	3	30	7	67		5	8	153	
Surveyor.													
W. T. Mahan.....	164	49	100	53	24	77	18	89	128	82	43	827	259
W. D. Deans.....	61	7	44	6	63	55	56	192	42	9	33	568	
Coroner.													
E. W. Eldridge	130	50	90	46	73	38	26	138	119	69	53	832	529
Wm. Johnson.....	22	4	31	4	13	74	1	104	31	15	4	303	
J. C. McElvain.....	66	1	18	8	2	17	43	22	9	4	15	205	
Commissioner.													
Geo. Mogge.....	223	54					67			82	75	501	501
B. H. Younker						74		191				265	126
H. V. Gleason.....						59		80				139	

NOTES.

Republican convention, Thursday, September 7. H. A. Pierce, Newbury, chairman; D. C. Robinson, Mission Creek, secretary.

B. F. Hoskinson was nominated for sheriff on the eighth ballot.

At this convention Chas. Ross was nominated for treasurer; D. V. Dowd for county clerk; Jos. Fields for register of deeds; W. T. Mahan for surveyor; E. W. Eldridge for coroner, and Geo. Mogge for commissioner 1st district, and B. H. Younker commissioner 2nd district.

Among other claims it was urged that all the candidates nominated, except for sheriff, were residents of Alma. This, with other reasons, led to the calling of a mass convention. The claim that the convention was packed in the interest of certain candidates led to the announcement of several independents—making the contest a complicated free-for-all race—the divided vote requiring—in case of clerk or sheriff—but a comparatively small number to elect.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1882.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Farmer.	Prairie.	Kaw.	Maple Hill.	Mill Creek.	Mission Creek.	Grant.	Newbury.	Dragon.	Rock Creek.	Wabaunsee.	Wilmington.	West Branch.	Eskridge.	Totals.	Majorities.
Governor.																	
Geo. W. Glick, D.....	153	45	25	74	76	80	40	43	101	20	47	58	16	69	95	942	257
John P. St. John, R.....	53	10	14	34	51	17	16	60	68	77	48	91	30	5	109	681	
Congressman, 4th Dst.																	
Thos. Ryan, R.	138	14	16	43	67	60	41	101	90	92	66	129	41	8	170	1076	617
John C. Cannon, D.....	75	28	25	37	51	45	4	17	30	8	35	6	6	53	39	459	
Representative.																	
L. Pauly, D.....	166	43	23	69	72	77	31	27	100	18	44	61	14	67	67	879	72
Joseph Little, R.	46	11	16	40	55	26	33	90	70	83	58	96	35	5	143	807	
Probate Judge.																	
John Keagy, R.	190	53	41	107	127	105	64	118	169	98	97	154	50	71	213	1657	
Clerk Dist. Court.																	
H. G. Licht, R.	199	55	41	107	127	105	64	118	169	101	78	158	49	72	212	1655	
County Attorney.																	
G. G. Cornell, R.....	178	43	41	88	125	75	30	24	158	54	47	133	30	72	53	1151	626
E. H. Sanford, D.....	34	12	...	21	1	28	34	97	44	43	50	21	16	...	159	522	
County Superintendent.																	
Matt Thomson, D.....	166	41	32	64	69	86	51	72	100	22	51	100	9	70	142	1072	447
E. Newby, R.	45	15	11	47	58	19	13	47	71	78	50	56	42	3	70	625	
Commissioners.																	
J. W. Core, Ind R.	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	46	..	36	..	..	43	..	147	290	51
J. C. Henderson, R.	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	72	..	54	..	..	4	..	64	239	

NOTES.

Republican convention held at Alma, Thursday, September 28. Henry Rickel, Eskridge, chairman; G. Zwanziger, Alma, secretary.

The question of resubmission was the controlling issue in the contest for state officers, resulting in the election of the first democratic governor since the admission of Kansas as a state. The same issue resulted in the election of Mr. Pauly for representative.

The question of rotation in office—the feeling that Wilmington was entitled to the commissioner—was made manifest at the polls—resulting in the election of Mr. Core. Mr. Henderson having accepted the nomination under protest and against his best judgment, and that only upon the earnest solicitation of his friends, was perhaps among the least disappointed at the result.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1883.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.....	Farmer	Wabaunsee...	Prairie	Maple Hill.....	Kaw.. ..	Eskridge.....	Grant.....	Mission Creek.	Rock Creek....	Dragon.....	Wilmington...	Newbury	Mill Creek.....	West Branch...	Totals.....	Majorities.....
District Judge.																	
John Martin, D.....	204	45	141	16	79	78	157	81	33	73	74	28	118	78	42	1247	820
W. C Webb, R	43	8	19	18	14	16	77	37	37	51	3	14	44	28	18	427	
County Clerk.																	
H. G. Licht, R.....	107	43	104	20	80	89	161	86	51	116	40	5	90	94	50	1126	564
D. M. Gardner, R	151	12	53	16	14	7	71	31	18	6	43	39	83	9	10	562	
Register of Deeds.																	
S. H. Fairfield, R.....	162	47	115	10	25	84	33	71	21	13	63	8	114	74	31	871	38
P. F. A. Schwarting, R.....	96	8	45	26	69	11	200	49	47	114	18	36	56	29	29	833	
County Treasurer.																	
Joseph Fields, R.....	196	32	86	21	37	24	75	41	31	42	73	34	146	90	55	984	297
Wm. Neiswender, D.....	53	22	66	15	55	72	156	70	39	82	6	5	26	15	5	687	
Sheriff.																	
H. J. Pippert, R.. ..	254	56	154	36	92	87	233	121	70	124	85	22	174	105	60	1673	
Surveyor.																	
W. T. Mahan, R.....	259	56	155	36	94	46	224	116	70	108	81	37	176	106	60	1624	
Coroner.																	
E. W. Weems, R	229	56	159	36	93	96	230	118	70	120	83	42	177	36	60	1605	
Commissioner.																	
A. E. True, R.			138		53	91							139			421	

NOTES.

Republican convention held at Eskridge, October 16.

Enoch Platt, Wabaunsee, chairman.

W. A. Doolittle, Eskridge, secretary.

Democratic convention held at Eskridge, October 23.

At the Republican county convention the following nominations were made:

For County Clerk, H. G. Licht.

For Register, P. F. A. Schwarting.

For Treasurer, Joseph Fields.

For Sheriff, H. J. Pippert.

For Surveyor, W. T. Mahan.

For Coroner, E. W. Weems.

For Commissioner, A. E. True.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1884.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Farmer.	Prairie.	Kaw.	Maple Hill.	Mill Creek.	Mission Creek.	Grant.	Newbury.	Dragoon.	Rock Creek.	Wabaunsee.	Wilmington.	West Branch.	Esckridge.	Totals.	Majorities.
President.																	
Blaine, R.	182	23	34	73	123	79	59	125	134	123	100	169	31	26	252	1538	739
Cleveland, D.	134	43	12	77	42	65	21	26	89	26	54	50	15	68	77	799	
Governor.																	
John A. Martin, R.	143	15	29	63	122	42	51	123	116	133	88	172	27	11	237	1362	321
Geo. W. Glick, D.	176	51	21	89	50	103	28	29	107	36	69	60	19	88	101	1041	
Congress.																	
Thos. Ryan, R.	187	23	34	75	130	79	58	125	135	130	105	177	31	26	261	1576	820
S. N. Wood, D.	127	33	15	75	32	66	21	26	83	30	58	48	13	55	74	756	
Senator.																	
Geo. S. Green, R.	105	17	41	123	136	41	45	132	107	121	65	132	33	6	221	1325	378
H. A. Pierce, Ind. R.	209	45	9	22	19	102	34	22	107	38	94	93	9	31	113	947	
Representative.																	
Robt. McClelland, Resub.	218	58	29	48	58	108	48	22	113	44	111	83	15	89	124	1168	
F. L. Raymond, R.	104	7	20	103	109	36	32	127	109	115	56	149	31	11	214	1223	55
Clerk Dist. Court.																	
T. S. Spielman, R.	301	66	50	152	171	143	80	152	222	161	161	230	46	99	337	2371	
Probate Judge.																	
John T. Keagy, R.	311	66	50	150	172	172	80	152	222	160	164	231	46	99	335	2381	
County Superintendent.																	
Matt Thomson, D.	226	52	37	103	114	111	56	52	139	33	96	88	14	99	145	1365	354
E. Newby, R.	96	14	10	46	55	34	23	98	82	124	69	140	31	..	189	1011	
County Attorney.																	
E. H. Sanford, D.	188	50	25	43	22	116	24	21	85	13	93	32	15	84	99	910	
W. A. Doolittle, R.	73	9	20	73	80	21	41	68	87	90	57	84	12	8	213	936	26
Geo. G. Cornell, ...	56	7	6	30	67	3	10	62	32	42	13	99	15	7	12	461	
A. A. Graham, ...	..	..	..	3	..	..	5	1	14	8	2	17	2	..	6	58	
Commissioners.																	
Geo. Mogge, D.	223	55	1	..	..	97	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95	..	471	126
Horace Paul, R.	81	8	48	..	..	43	..	..	..	..	167	..	..	4	..	351	

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Republican convention Thursday, September 4.

Democratic mass convention on Friday, October 17.

Resubmission convention held on the same day.

Colored voters held convention October 24.

Mass convention nominated Robt. McClelland for representative, E. H. Sanford for county attorney, J. J. Mitchell probate judge, J. C. Henderson clerk of district court, and endorsed H. A. Pierce for state senator, Matt Thomson for county superintendent, and Geo. Mogge for commissioner. Nominees for probate judge and clerk of court declined nominations.

Resubmission was the declared issue in this campaign.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1885.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.....	Farmer	Wabaunsee.....	Dragoon	Maple Hill.....	Kauw.	Wilmington...	Grant.....	Mission Creek.	Rock Creek....	Prairie.	West Branch...	Esbridge.....	Newbury	Mill Creek.....	Totals.....	Majorities.....
District Judge,																	
R. B. Spillman R.....	107	13	182	68	70	39	29	109	37	71	29	8	175	85	9	1031	
Ellis Lewis, ...	228	58	53	66	16	36	20	27	33	62	23	54	166	97	104	1043	12
County Treasurer.																	
G. S. Burt, R.....	54	13	148	58	64	24	26	105	43	82	23	1	169	76	5	891	
Jos. Fields, ...	280	58	63	77	62	51	23	28	27	55	29	63	177	107	109	1169	278
County Clerk.																	
H. G. Licht, R... ..	153	25	178	68	59	58	20	77	42	23	24	18	56	77	17	995	
Geo. W. Freuch, ...	182	45	36	65	26	16	30	60	28	112	28	44	285	104	97	1158	163
Register of Deeds.																	
J. C. Collins, R.....	87	13	153	73	57	39	28	49	26	69	24	6	85	87	13	809	
J. C. Henderson, ...	249	58	54	60	27	36	22	86	42	66	28	58	258	95	101	1239	430
Sheriff.																	
J. M. Russell, R.....	59	13	132	80	60	27	19	91	37	108	29	7	17	75	5	759	308
W. T. DeArmond, ...	91	26	29	1	1	5	...	...	18	2	1	41	...	74	67	356	
D. M. Gardner, ...	172	25	48	11	23	37	9	15	5	8	22	14	20	23	24	451	
E. Shumate, ...	6	2	4	35	3	6	20	29	10	20	...	...	111	7	14	267	
J. C. Pipert, ...	8	2	3	2	...	...	1	2	...	1	...	2	...	3	3	27	
Surveyor.																	
W. D. Deans, R.....	122	31	106	114	17	51	36	71	46	129	45	18	206	80	31	1103	153
W. T. Mahan, ...	211	39	108	16	69	24	12	65	24	8	4	46	142	102	80	950	
Coroner.																	
J. C. McElvain, R.....	143	16	55	8	3	25	2	4	1	17	10	11	2	27	10	334	
C. J. Sawyer, ...	184	52	157	123	83	49	46	132	69	116	42	52	345	155	104	1749	1415
Commissioner.																	
A. F. Wade, R.....	...	...	...	35	...	...	26	106	38	...	...	...	196	...	...	401	84
S. G. Cantrill, ...	...	...	...	93	...	...	21	23	30	...	...	...	150	...	...	317	

NOTES.

Republican convention, Wednesday, September 23. Mr. A. F. Thayer, Maple Hill, chairman; Mr. J. B. Fields, Alma, secretary.

Democratic county convention called People's Mass convention to meet at Alma, September 26, 1885. Work unsatisfactory, nearly every nominee declining to run.

People's Mass meeting called to meet Saturday, October 10.

All candidates nominated at the mass convention, except sheriff, surveyor and commissioner, were elected.

For the office of sheriff this was a free-for-all race, the lack of statutory provisions relative to the printing of tickets offering inducements to independent candidates that under the Australian ballot does not exist.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1886.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Farmer.	Prairie.	Kaw.	Maple Hill.	Mill Creek.	Mission Creek.	Grant.	Newbury.	Dragoon.	Rock Creek.	Wabaunsee.	Willmington.	West Branch.	Eskridge.	Totals.	Majorities.
Governor.																	
John A. Martin, R.....	145	18	44	54	107	63	58	103	106	104	95	166	26	9	264	1362	446
Thos. Moonlight, D.....	183	50	28	87	36	76	15	22	95	42	59	64	18	41	100	916	
Congressman, 4th Dst.																	
Thos. Ryan, R.....	165	41	40	53	36	66	56	104	105	102	91	154	27	8	259	1307	
John Martin, D.....	157	20	33	89	107	73	16	22	96	43	66	76	18	42	102	960	347
Representative.																	
Chas Taylor, R.....	46	7	36	58	53	56	53	98	76	104	94	125	18	1	220	1045	308
John Clark, D.....	85	8	7	64	84	56	3	19	80	44	64	58	20	5	140	737	
Fred Craft, Ind.....	196	52	29	19	6	27	18	8	47	5	3	49	6	41	4	513	
Probate Judge.																	
J. T. Keagy R ..	213	53	62	83	91	84	59	78	107	113	102	158	27	40	197	1467	666
A. A. Stringham D.....	108	14	9	58	49	56	15	48	92	41	59	73	18	10	151	801	
Clerk Dist. Court.																	
Theo. S. Spielman, R.....	138	35	158	59	112	63	58	105	110	109	102	154	27	6	266	1502	606
Wm. Berroth, D.....	187	32	14	82	32	77	16	20	93	46	60	78	17	44	98	896	
County Attorney.																	
J. B. Barnes, R.	162	16	48	65	167	51	71	77	120	103	102	134	24	7	202	1289	337
E. H. Sanford, D.....	158	43	18	74	33	88	2	43	80	48	58	90	20	42	155	952	
County Superintendent.																	
W. W. Ramey, R.....	64	21	37	52	35	35	53	107	74	91	88	153	31	3	280	1124	
Matt Thomson, D.....	259	46	34	91	108	101	21	17	128	61	73	77	13	47	84	1160	36
Coroner.																	
E. W. Eldridge, R.....	190	40	47	30	65	74	59	107	112	115	104	169	27	10	269	1418	717
R. A. Reaburn, D.....	120	23	25	21	15	65	15	19	91	41	59	62	18	40	87	701	
Commissioners.																	
G. W. Greenwood, R.				85	116				92			153				446	224
Moritz Hund, D.....				39	27				110			46				222	
Henry Breymeyer, Ind. ..				15								33				48	
For Amendment	159	6	22	2	32	19	9	16	34	4		49	1	33	76	466	
Against Amendment.....	55	47	34	105	31	64	44	85	88	56	138	145	10	15	112	1029	563

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Republican convention, Saturday, October 2. Mr. H. J. Loomis, Mission Creek, chairman; Mr. A. H. Stiles, Wabaunsee, secretary.

Democratic convention. Saturday, October 9. Mr. L. Pauly, Alma, chairman; Mr. E. S. Vance, Harveyville, secretary.

Resubmission being the paramount issue in the campaign, Mr. Crafts was induced to run as an independent candidate—after the nomination of Mr. Taylor—leading democrats assuring Mr. Crafts that their party convention would put forward no opposing candidate. Although prominent democrats having the best interests of their party and the issue at heart, made every effort to bring about the withdrawal of Mr. Clark, other influences (?) seemed to prevail, with the anticipated and inevitable result—the election of Mr. Taylor.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1887.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.....	Farmer.....	Wabaunsee.....	Plumb.....	Maple Hill.....	Kaw.....	Eskridge.....	Grant.....	Mission Creek.....	Rock Creek.....	Garfield.....	Washington.....	Newbury.....	Mill Creek.....	Totals.....	Majorities.....
County Treasurer.																
J. B. Fields, R.....	198	32	133	106	63	84	111	73	47	77	86	6	74	61	1148	115
F. Stuewe, Ind. R.....	162	57	57	44	67	95	175	48	23	65	44	47	98	51	1033	
Register of Deeds.																
J. C. Henderson, R.....	276	60	151	122	105	109	226	93	67	112	79	29	103	77	1609	1551
County Clerk.																
G. W. French, R.....	261	39	146	75	90	95	166	78	56	78	70	29	94	48	1325	471
J. P. Peters, D.....	96	47	44	79	36	82	123	45	15	63	60	24	76	64	854	
Sheriff.																
J. M. Russell, R.....	132	29	138	102	70	63	195	87	64	96	49	29	78	43	1175	162
J. H. McMahan, D.....	223	60	57	51	60	114	94	35	8	47	81	24	97	68	1013	
Surveyor.																
W. D. Deans, R.....	197	43	149	107	86	98	174	98	63	103	70	25	95	62	1370	549
Robt. John, D.....	161	46	40	48	44	78	115	25	8	40	60	28	79	49	821	
Coroner.																
E. W. Eldridge, R.....	334	75	177	119	130	177	234	103	71	129	123	53	166	105	1810	1740
A. L. Stiers, D.....	5	2	10	20	...	...	11	19	.	3	...	12	5	6	70	
Commissioner.																
Gilbert Anderson, R.....	139	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	89	93	41	...	38	400	
Jos. Treu, D.....	223	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	36	...	...	73	483	83

NOTES.

Republican convention, Tuesday, September 27. Mr. John Sudweeks, Eskridge, chairman; Mr. A. H. Stiles, Pavilion, secretary.

No delegates from Kaw or Washington township.

Democratic convention, Saturday, October 8. Mr. Geo. W. Thompson, Wabaunsee, chairman; Mr. J. Y. Waugh, Eskridge, secretary.

The democratic convention made no nomination for register of deeds. In this convention Mr. Stuewe was put forward by the democrats for treasurer. As in the campaign of '96 resubmission entered into the contest, especially in the election of sheriff.

The News said: John McMahan got right down to business, and we were actually afraid about that record. The man that runs against J. M. wants to be a long way ahead in the start or else be up early in the morning.—D. W. SCOTT, Ed.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1888.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Farmer.	Alta Vista.	Kaw.	Maple Hill.	Mill Creek.	Mission Creek.	Grant.	Newbury.	Harveyville.	Rock Creek.	Wabaunsee.	Spring Creek.	West Branch.	Eskridge.	Totals.	Majorities.
Presidential Electors.																	
Harrison, R.	198	29	82	78	189	89	67	141	156	144	88	203	8	18	218	1708	748
Cleveland, D.	198	44	61	85	67	58	16	31	127	46	46	73	17	14	77	960	
Congressman, 4th Dist.																	
Thos. Ryan, R.	196	28	81	75	190	90	67	143	156	144	87	202	8	18	218	1713	732
David Overmyer, D.	202	44	61	89	65	57	16	30	128	46	61	73	17	14	77	981	
Governor.																	
L. U. Humphrey, R.	194	26	83	70	178	89	66	136	156	144	86	198	8	18	216	1684	678
John Martin, D.	200	47	63	93	99	58	17	34	128	48	48	76	17	15	79	1006	
Senator, 20th Dist.																	
John K. Wright, R.	143	24	71	73	176	88	67	141	153	152	85	200	4	8	223	1605	511
L. Pauly, D.	251	49	71	90	78	62	16	32	131	49	66	75	20	25	73	1094	
Representative.																	
A. F. Wade, R.	176	26	83	75	155	83	67	127	146	116	76	203	4	13	301	1551	408
S. G. Cantrill, D.	221	48	69	89	97	64	14	39	134	85	76	74	21	20	98	1149	
Probate Judge.																	
L. Richards, R.	152	26	84	76	190	87	66	142	156	133	128	203	4	16	214	1677	634
B. F. Martin, D.	244	48	68	89	66	61	17	32	128	70	26	74	21	16	83	1049	
County Attorney.																	
J. B. Barnes, R.	200	29	91	81	194	89	79	139	156	154	95	203	8	16	213	1747	805
A. A. Graham, D.	189	45	61	84	60	57	2	29	121	46	56	74	17	17	85	942	
Clerk Dist. Court.																	
Theo. S. Spielman, R.	206	28	89	81	194	88	68	141	154	149	62	206	9	11	224	1720	704
Wm. Neiswender, D.	190	46	62	84	61	58	15	31	130	53	96	69	16	21	74	1006	
County Superintendent.																	
W. W. Ramey, R.	163	34	82	90	173	95	65	154	138	142	110	190	3	7	250	1696	676
Matt Thomson, D.	230	40	73	74	83	53	18	17	144	61	44	81	22	26	54	1020	
Commissioner.																	
Ell Walton, R.	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	140	...	162	...	...	...	...	187	555	311
E Shumate, D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	34	...	39	...	...	...	...	105	244	

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Republican convention, Saturday, October 6. Mr. I. D. Gardiner, Alma, chairman; Mr. T. C. Danforth, secretary.

Meeting called to order by Mr. A. E. True, chairman county central committee.

Democratic county convention, Saturday, October 13. Mr. A. A. Graham, Eskridge, chairman; Mr. Irwin Boyer, Paxico, secretary.

This being a presidential campaign party lines were closely drawn and the result was a sweeping victory for the entire Republican ticket with unprecedented majorities.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1889.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.....	Farmer.....	Wabaunsee.....	Plumb.....	Maple Hill.....	Kaw.....	Wilmington.....	Grant.....	Mission Creek.....	Rock Creek.....	Garfield.....	West Branch.....	Spring Creek.....	Newbury.....	Mill Creek.....	Totals.....	Majorities.....
Judge, 35th District.																	
Wm. Thomson, R.....	242	41	160	106	174	68	232	89	39	88	81	13	16	164	84	1597	1594
Sheriff.																	
S. E. Hull, R.....	117	6	134	80	135	34	167	71	33	46	69	7	2	94	61	1056	165
G. W. Leonhardt, D.....	176	40	26	56	85	90	93	25	7	63	27	12	15	125	49	891	
Clerk, unexpired term.																	
C. O. Kinne, R.....	198	43	153	106	174	56	213	84	35	77	70	14	17	132	78	1457	1148
M. J. Walton, P.....	58	2	8	8	21	56	41	8	5	30	10	...	...	53	9	309	
Clerk, regular term.																	
C. O. Kinne, R.....	207	42	153	104	171	55	213	86	35	78	77	14	17	135	92	1479	1168
M. J. Walton, P.....	57	2	8	8	21	57	41	10	5	30	10	...	...	53	9	311	
Treasurer, unexpired term.																	
F. Stuewe, R.....	212	41	156	108	173	55	228	80	35	81	75	14	17	155	77	1507	1237
John Willig, P.....	45	2	4	3	24	56	26	15	5	28	11	...	...	42	9	270	
Treasurer, regular term.																	
F. Stuewe, R.....	214	41	157	108	170	56	228	79	35	83	75	14	17	152	91	1520	1250
John Willig, P.....	47	2	4	3	24	56	26	14	5	28	11	...	...	41	9	270	
Register of Deeds.																	
J. C. Henderson, R.....	173	32	149	82	168	45	158	81	34	19	67	12	16	116	80	1232	502
G. W. Mallory, D.....	128	13	10	60	53	77	104	15	7	94	29	6	1	103	30	730	
Surveyor.																	
W. D. Deans, R.....	171	24	140	100	173	48	198	84	34	73	74	4	11	122	68	1399	659
J. H. Jones, D.....	130	22	20	42	52	77	66	16	7	41	21	15	6	101	39	660	
Coroner.																	
Dr. T. H. Hall, R.....	184	38	155	102	171	48	206	85	34	71	70	13	11	122	70	1380	863
A. W. Gregory, D.....	58	8	1	40	50	62	54	13	3	43	15	6	6	9	32	481	
Dr. Scheidt, P.....	42	...	6	...	...	13	4	2	2	...	6	...	...	10	8	96	
Com'r, 3d Dist.																	
Wm Mitchell, R.....	...	...	147	...	60	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	...	346	
Ed. Worsely, D.....	...	...	13	...	150	71	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	134	...	368	22

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Republican convention, Tuesday, September 24. Malcolm Nicolson, Alma, chairman; P. S. Taylor, Grant, secretary.

Democratic convention, Tuesday, October 1. L. Pauly, Alma, chairman: Elmer Thompson, Wabaunsee, secretary.

Mr. Elmer Thompson and Mr. Fred Zeferjahn, the Democratic nominees for clerk and treasurer, withdrawing from the race, a meeting was held at the Riggs (Commercial) house and the names of Messrs. Walton and Willig substituted. Mr. Scheidt was nominated for coroner and Messrs. Leonhardt and Mallory endorsed. With the exception of commissioner the entire Republican ticket was elected.

The candidates marked "P" were nominated at the Riggs house meeting.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1890.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Farmington.	Alma Vista.	Kaw.	Maple Hill.	Mill Creek.	Mission Creek.	Grant.	Newbury.	Harveyville.	Rock Creek.	Wabaunsee.	Spring Creek.	West Branch.	Eskridge.	Totals.	Majorities.
Governor.																	
Charles Robinson, D.....	247	46	35	56	57	49	24	5	95	6	1	39	15	21	31	727	
J. F. Wilhite, P.....	21	11	63	75	121	59	29	98	99	126	112	110	15	1	109	1019	125
L. U. Humphrey, R.....	110	11	47	18	79	33	37	70	98	108	39	100	1	9	164	924	
Congressman.																	
John G. Otis, F.....	209	53	91	121	157	108	35	103	179	129	115	147	30	22	141	1649	603
Harrison Kelley, R.....	151	14	48	28	100	34	50	70	115	111	37	102	1	9	164	1037	
Representative.																	
John Rehrlig, F.....	213	54	93	118	155	110	39	97	162	129	113	144	30	22	141	1620	547
L. J. McCrumb, R.....	161	14	51	30	104	32	50	75	129	111	39	103	1	9	164	1073	
Probate Judge.																	
L. T. Rice, F.....	100	37	88	121	157	106	35	104	180	130	102	148	20	20	131	1479	264
L. Richards, R.....	277	31	54	27	102	34	56	69	111	109	50	100	11	10	174	1215	
County Attorney.																	
J. H. Jones, F.....	203	55	90	124	163	109	31	104	179	145	116	174	29	20	146	1702	734
J. B. Barnes, R.....	163	12	45	23	93	33	58	69	111	90	35	72	2	11	151	968	
Clerk District Court.																	
H. B. Jones, P.....	86	33	78	115	145	85	33	102	131	132	115	143	21	1	131	1351	103
Theo. Spielman, R.....	273	25	61	25	104	51	54	70	130	106	37	103	8	29	172	1248	
County Superintendent.																	
Florence Dickinson, F....	181	40	77	96	190	100	54	117	160	135	109	155	28	20	131	1593	543
W. W. Ramey, R.....	181	16	67	49	68	41	37	55	121	103	39	89	1	10	173	1050	
Com'r, 1st Dist.																	
Joseph Treu, D.....	260	54	28	...	...	83	...	...	...	...	3	...	30	20	...	478	231
J. W. Spencer, P.....	26	11	62	...	...	36	...	...	...	...	110	...	1	1	...	247	
Geo. W. Wilson, R....	81	2	54	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	9	...	186	

NOTES.

Alliance convention, Saturday, August 16. Dow Busenbark, Eskridge, chairman; A. M. Jordan, Mill Creek, secretary.

Democratic convention, Saturday, August 16. L. Pauly, Alma, chairman; Matt Thomson, Alma, secretary.

Joseph Treu nominated for commissioner, after which convention adjourned to Wednesday, September 3, when all Alliance candidates, except clerk of court and commissioner, were endorsed. Chas. Sawtell was nominated for clerk but declined.

Republican convention, Saturday, August 30. Wm. F. Cotton, Wabannsee, chairman; W. K. Beach, Grant, secretary.

The opposition papers in the county during the campaign referred to the Alliance as the "Line-Back-Steer Party." But the name appeared to have no particular effect on the result.

At the Democratic congressional convention, held at Emporia, no nomination was made, the Democrats supporting the Alliance candidate.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1891.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Farmer	Wabaunsee	Plumb	Maule Hill	Kaw	Wilmington	Grant	Mission Creek	Rock Creek	Garfield	West Branch	Spring Creek	Newbury	Mill Creek	Totals	Majorities
Register of Deeds.																	
W. B. Small, R.	78	37	112	101	135	24	150	71	51	49	64	9	8	109	49	1017	102
L. A. Kuapp, A.	18	5	97	109	102	89	96	91	25	88	59	5	13	88	60	945	
B. F. Martin, D.	254	26	17	1	7	21	45	8	1		31	29	3	86	21	550	
Treasurer.																	
John H. Michaelis, D.	231	62	124	100	115	51	188	66	43	48	88	37	15	194	54	1416	343
G. A. Eberhardt, A.	10	9	96	108	118	83	100	102	30	88	60	6	10	83	78	1073	
J. W. Boyer, I.	11			2	10		2	2	3		4			6		40	
Sheriff.																	
H. J. Palenske, R.	198	68	91	78	114	31	111	74	50	39	47	35	17	168	86	1210	396
James Cass, A.	32	2	59	108	112	87	87	92	24	72	52		4	48	34	814	
S. E. Hull, I.	123	1	75	25	16	12	91	3	3	26	53	8	4	70	12	522	
County Clerk.																	
C. O. Kinne, R.	251	59	132	100	133	52	176	81	51	53	84	36	21	185	42	1456	374
Wm. Treu, A.	95	10	93	111	111	83	115	89	25	53	67	7	8	101	89	1082	
Surveyor.																	
W. D. Deans, R.	215	34	127	99	125	35	174	77	53	47	80	14	5	126	51	1262	
B. Buchll, sr., A.	130	36	98	112	119	99	114	93	24	88	73	29	20	161	80	1277	15
Coroner.																	
Dr. T. H. Hall, R.	225	26	130	101	122	46	181	77	53	51	85	35	6	174	56	1368	201
Dr. H. R. Schmidt, A.	118	43	95	110	121	88	110	93	24	86	67	8	17	112	75	1167	
Com'r. 2d Dist.																	
Ell Walton, R.				102			178	71	50							401	60
A. Pringle, A.				106			110	98	27							341	

NOTES.

Alliance convention held at Alma, Tuesday, September 22. M. W. Janes, Willard, chairman; I. D. Gardiner, Alma, secretary.

Republican convention, Saturday, October 3. A. F. Wade, Grant, chairman; W. J. Hinshaw, Harveyville, secretary.

Democratic convention, Tuesday, October 13. Henry Pauly, Alma, chairman; Elmer Thompson, Wabaunsee, secretary.

The Democratic convention was held in Scheidt's hall.

The Republicans having nominated Mr. Michaelis (Democrat) for treasurer, Mr. Boyer (Rep.) announced himself as an independent candidate.

The Democrats made no nomination except that of Mr. B. F. Martin for register of deeds.

The mixed political conditions resulted in the election of the candidates nominated by the Republicans with the exception of surveyor.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1892.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Wabaunsee.	Kaw.	Maple Hill.	Newbury.	Willington.	Plumb.	Rock Creek.	Mill Creek.	Farmer.	Garfield.	West Branch.	Spring Creek.	Grant.	Mission Creek.	Totals.	Majorities.
Presidential Electors.																	
Harrison, R.	174	139	51	103	133	193	128	82	67	25	96	18	4	88	55	1356	
Weaver, P.	205	125	92	152	191	126	109	98	84	65	81	36	28	96	34	1525	169
Bidwell, Pro.	3	7	...	1	...	7	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	20	
Congressman, 4th Dist.																	
Chas. Curtis, R.	175	139	51	102	132	200	128	82	66	25	101	17	4	87	53	1362	
E. V. Wharton, P.	205	125	92	154	192	121	109	98	84	65	79	37	28	97	34	1519	157
Governor.																	
A. W. Smith, R.	174	139	49	102	132	200	128	82	66	25	102	17	4	87	55	1361	
L. D. Lewelling, P.	206	125	92	154	192	121	110	98	85	66	78	37	28	97	34	1523	162
Senator, 21st Dist.																	
A. F. Wade, R.	173	129	50	104	30	203	128	83	58	43	102	29	17	92	56	1397	
A. E. True, P.	203	131	92	150	192	121	110	95	93	45	78	25	15	81	32	1474	77
Representative, 46th Dist.																	
Wm. Strowig, R.	163	139	57	105	145	200	128	81	54	22	95	17	4	88	54	1352	
J. Tren, P.	213	124	85	151	177	125	110	98	96	68	87	37	26	94	32	1525	173
Probate Judge.																	
L. Richards, R.	238	130	52	101	129	199	126	88	59	49	10	17	7	87	57	1440	
L. T. Rice, P.	153	134	91	156	193	126	111	90	92	40	81	36	25	97	30	1455	15
Clerk District Court																	
H. G. Licht, R.	165	106	45	99	126	196	128	82	61	32	94	21	4	87	54	1298	
H. B. Jones, P.	203	161	100	158	198	130	110	98	89	58	89	33	28	96	35	1586	288
County Superintendent.																	
F. A. Seaman, R.	165	120	45	96	118	199	126	82	62	32	103	16	4	85	51	1301	
G. L. Clothier, P.	213	144	97	159	203	126	112	96	89	58	78	38	28	96	35	1572	268
County Attorney.																	
W. A. Doolittle, R.	120	131	46	103	126	105	128	83	60	21	95	11	3	87	44	1253	
J. H. Jones, P.	259	132	92	151	197	130	109	96	89	69	85	41	26	97	42	1618	365
Com'r, 3d Dist.																	
H. Wertzberger, R.	...	134	52	106	129	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	421	
M. Hund, P.	...	130	91	150	193	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	564	143
Constitutional Convention.																	
For	301	57	74	112	265	59	18	73	92	84	56	48	29	17	92	1326	229
Against	86	170	34	65	32	224	161	73	40	3	91	2	3	128	40	1097	

NOTES.

Republican county convention, Saturday, August 13 Hiram Ward, Harveyville, chairman; V. C. Welch, Alma, secretary.

People's Party convention, Saturday, August 27. Dow Busenbark, Eskridge, chairman; D. C. Robinson, Mission Creek, secretary.

Democratic convention, Saturday, September 10. People's Party ticket endorsed.

A procession a half mile or more in length was one of the unique features of the People's Party convention. The Hendricks Creek drum corps led the procession.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1893.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.....	Farmer.....	Wabaunsee....	Plumb.....	Maple Hill.....	Kaw.....	Wilmington...	Grant.....	Mission Creek.	Rock Creek....	Garfield.....	West Branch..	Spring Creek..	Newbury	Mill Creek.....	Totals.....	Majorities.....
Judge 35th Judicial Dist.																	
William Thomson, R..	239	48	143	119	110	53	186	75	50	65	84	20	15	126	60	1393	479
J. W. Fitzgerald, F.....	80	25	66	73	74	59	92	64	35	80	57	17	12	117	63	914	
County Treasurer.																	
John H. Michaelis, F.....	197	58	99	96	87	74	80	63	34	81	67	24	24	144	72	1200	82
W. H. Melrose, R.....	129	15	114	93	91	35	212	78	49	65	76	13	6	101	50	1121	
Register of Deeds.																	
W. B. Small, R.....	197	25	112	94	117	42	183	70	51	65	84	20	9	107	60	1236	160
A. J. Thoes, F.....	121	50	100	94	67	62	106	70	34	83	55	17	20	134	63	1076	
County Clerk.																	
J. R. Henderson, R.....	253	56	121	99	95	53	188	73	53	63	95	32	22	128	71	1402	494
W. O. Gantz, F.....	62	15	92	93	83	49	100	69	31	84	51	6	7	118	48	908	
Sheriff.																	
H. J. Palenske, R.....	269	72	137	85	101	63	178	78	50	64	101	36	26	165	81	1506	686
T. P. Walton, F.....	52	6	77	109	79	42	109	62	35	81	43	4	4	73	44	820	
County Surveyor.																	
Robt. A. Rutledge, R.....	121	14	109	97	96	44	185	88	53	62	78	7	6	99	44	1104	
B. Buchll, sr., F.....	200	55	97	94	83	60	101	53	32	83	65	31	24	141	79	1198	95
Coroner.																	
G. C. Beals, R.....	128	14	118	97	87	47	180	77	51	63	74	13	4	91	49	1093	
H. R. Schmlidt, F.....	187	50	85	91	83	56	101	65	34	82	67	23	20	144	70	1158	65
Com'r, 1st Dist.																	
P. F. Johnson, R.....	127	24								55	72	14	8		50	350	73
Wm. Mass, D.....	40	12								92	28	10	8		44	254	
Fred Dierking, P. P.....	155	40									21	14	15		32	277	

NOTES.

Democratic judicial convention, Alma, Monday, October 2. J. W. Fitzgerald nominated.

People's Party convention, Alma, August 12. Dow Busenbark, of Eskridge, chairman; J. W. Spencer, of Alta Vista, secretary.

Republican county convention, Alma, Tuesday, September 19. A. F. Wade, Mission Creek, chairman; A. J. Gleason, Alma, secretary.

Democratic county convention, Alma, Saturday, October 7. L. Pauly, Alma, chairman; Matt Thomson, Alma, secretary People's Party candidates endorsed.

For treasurer, Republican convention:

Ballots.....	1st.	2d.	3d.
W. H. Melrose.....	54	68	81
W. K. Beach.....	61	59	61
C. O. Kinne.....	26	15	..
County clerk:		1st.	2d.
J. R. Henderson.....		77	84
W. J. Hinshaw.....		65	58

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1894.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Farmer.	Wabaunsee.	Plumb.	Maple Hill.	Kaw.	Wilmington.	Grant.	Mission Creek.	Rock Creek.	Garfield.	West Branch.	Spring Creek.	Newbury.	Mill Creek.	Totals.	Majorities.
Governor.																	
E. N. Morrill, R.	160	21	131	138	135	68	190	93	57	76	81	22	3	129	69	1393	344
David Overmyer, D.	90	25	27	8	19	42	18	4	2	4	22	8	8	29	6	312	
L. W. Lewelling, P.	66	16	85	92	100	54	102	77	35	89	53	14	12	125	69	1049	
Pickering, Pro.	5		11	10	1		8	1	1					2		39	
Congressman, 4th Dist.																	
Chas. Curtis, R.	173	20	156	137	149	71	196	93	57	76	81	19	7	124	70	1415	153
T. J. O'Neil, D.	69	25	21	3	8	30	11	3	1	3	18	4	2	24	8	197	
S. M. Scott, P.	66	13	84	106	90	59	108	79	57	87	54	17	14	129	65	1043	
Representative																	
G. G. Cornell, R.	179	19	162	141	137	67	195	95	58	78	76	16	5	126	63	1417	144
Jos. Tren, P.	143	40	104	99	106	91	117	76	35	90	80	29	13	151	84	1273	
Probate Judge.																	
L. J. Woodard, R.	142	16	111	117	134	57	194	95	56	77	81	18	3	117	67	1340	38
J. H. Jones, P.	173	46	126	102	104	94	115	76	35	88	65	24	22	158	76	1302	
Clerk District Court.																	
W. G. Weaver, R.	140	20	162	127	128	64	171	88	57	71	75	16	6	115	70	1313	20
Dow Busenbark, P.	162	35	105	117	106	78	140	87	35	92	68	26	16	153	73	1293	
County Attorney.																	
J. B. Barnes, R.	214	38	142	132	117	62	194	89	50	71	73	24	14	126	75	1431	276
A. A. Sturges, P.	82	25	112	107	109	86	110	81	50	93	70	14	9	133	69	1135	
County Superintendent.																	
C. C. Carter, R.	161	18	147	151	136	60	201	102	55	74	73	18	7	122	69	1397	184
Geo. L. Clothier, P.	113	42	117	80	108	87	98	71	40	88	71	24	17	152	75	1213	
Suffrage Amendment.																	
For.	46	7	78	73	56		127	89	3	64	39	6		44	38	719	
Against.	215	47	135	124	96		137	55	47	59	101	36	25	181	82	1450	731
Com'r, 2d District.																	
C. N. Earl, R.				135		21	219	88	46							488	170
G. A. Eberhardt, P.				104		110	88	86	40							318	

NOTES.

Republican county convention, Tuesday, August 21. W. H. Melrose, Eskridge, chairman; J. B. Fields, Alma, secretary.

People's Party convention, Saturday, September 1. Dow Busenbark, Eskridge, chairman; Wm. Tren, Alma, secretary.

The Democrats desired that J. H. Jones should succeed himself as county attorney, and that L. T. Rice should again be a candidate for the office of probate judge, but a resolution against a third term gave the nomination for county attorney to A. A. Sturgis, and J. H. Jones was nominated for probate judge. By reason of the strained relations existing, and the lack of a concert of action, the entire Republican ticket was elected. With Democratic representation on the ticket, or with nominations in accord with the wishes of the Democrats, the result might have been different.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1895.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Wabaunsee.	Kaw.	Maple Hill.	Newbury.	Wilmington.	Plumb.	Rock Creek.	Mill Creek.	Farmer.	Garfield.	West Branch.	Spring Creek.	Grant.	Mission Creek.	Totals.	Majorities.
Chief Justice.																	
David Martin, F.	171	137	69	133	129	134	92	57	56	24	67	16	7	71	32	1185	852
Chas. K. Holliday, R.	26	15	42	26	68	30	7	23	24	3	13	16	4	30	6	333	
Treasurer.																	
W. H. Melrose, R.	140	108	66	114	112	160	82	68	64	18	67	9	6	73	36	1123	
J. M. Lee, F.	149	100	73	87	150	148	111	88	87	40	62	34	18	100	37	1284	161
Register of Deeds.																	
Emma Little, R.	155	125	57	103	120	192	104	77	77	16	59	13	9	94	45	1246	135
Ed. Worsley, F.	127	86	80	102	134	99	81	84	69	38	65	26	15	77	28	1101	
County Clerk.																	
J. R. Henderson, R.	178	126	81	124	162	184	110	54	78	31	74	31	16	96	47	1392	415
Wm. Neiswender, F.	103	79	62	75	91	107	80	105	65	27	54	16	10	77	23	977	
Sheriff.																	
S. E. Hull, R.	114	95	63	120	122	195	101	71	49	13	64	10	5	82	36	1170	
Wm. Treu, F.	148	117	80	83	137	104	90	83	100	48	59	34	20	90	32	1235	65
Surveyor.																	
W. D. Deans, R.	222	136	90	138	165	189	121	88	88	32	83	29	13	108	48	1550	
Coroner.																	
G. C. Beals, R.	109	107	65	117	127	169	107	70	70	8	64	7	4	90	48	1162	54
H. R. Schmidt, F.	167	89	63	77	118	110	83	80	74	49	57	28	17	74	22	1108	
Com'r, 3d District.																	
W. R. Strowig, R.	121	65	125	179												490	185
I. D. Keyser, F.	82	81	68	74												305	

NOTES.

Republican primaries, Crawford county system, Saturday, September 14.

People's Party convention, Saturday, September 21. Dow Busenbark, Eskridge, chairman: Wm. Treu, Alma, secretary.

Democratic central committee met Saturday, September 21, and endorsed People's Party ticket.

The first, and the last, selection of candidates by the Crawford county system.

At Republican primaries there were six candidates for sheriff, three for treasurer, three for register, two for surveyor, two for coroner, and one each for clerk and commissioner.

At the primaries for sheriff S. E. Hull received 307 votes; J. M. Russell, 170; J. B. Fields, 146; John Thompson, 87; John Cromer, 85; Frank Mossman, 72.

For treasurer, W. H. Melrose, 332; J. B. Crumb, 284; W. K. Beach, 257.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1896.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Wabaunsee.	Kaw.	Maple Hill.	Paxico.	McFarland.	Wilmington.	Plumb.	Rock Creek.	Mill Creek.	Farmer.	Garfield.	West Branch.	Spring Creek.	Grant.	Mission Creek.	Totals.	Majorities.
Presidential electors.																		
Bryan, D.	160	106	98	131	128	43	160	142	105	87	45	67	20	11	94	48	1442	
McKinley, R.	186	180	86	160	121	20	180	151	80	72	33	104	33	23	96	51	1586	144
Governor.																		
Leedy, D.	144	103	98	135	126	40	157	138	111	85	42	67	19	13	96	48	1421	
Morrill, R.	182	172	83	156	122	20	189	147	79	71	30	103	34	22	91	5	1558	125
Appellate Judge.																		
Hindman, D.	150	133	98	133	127	42	156	140	109	85	43	67	18	12	98	49	1431	
Wells, R.	174	153	80	153	121	17	187	146	78	69	27	101	35	23	91	51	1528	97
Congressman, 4th Dist.																		
Madden, D.	149	131	98	133	129	42	161	141	109	86	42	67	18	12	99	49	1440	
Curtis, R.	183	157	80	157	120	18	193	153	78	70	28	103	35	21	92	51	1561	121
State Senator.																		
Stewart, D.	181	111	98	137	127	40	160	141	110	86	42	66	19	13	99	48	1481	
Hessli, R.	172	173	79	155	122	20	186	149	77	69	28	102	34	22	92	51	1531	50
Representative.																		
Palenske, D.	187	114	113	138	130	50	161	138	110	91	50	77	28	20	99	49	1555	80
Stuewe, R.	169	166	66	147	120	13	186	148	78	67	30	95	28	19	92	51	1475	
Probate Judge.																		
Rowley, D.	132	107	97	138	133	31	154	141	103	92	35	62	21	14	98	48	1408	
Woodard, R.	201	172	74	150	118	22	192	150	84	63	36	108	30	18	93	51	1562	154
District Clerk.																		
Core, D.	87	79	87	137	124	41	157	139	101	87	30	67	18	11	95	46	1309	
Weaver, R.	216	201	83	151	122	17	190	150	84	70	40	105	35	23	96	51	1664	355
County Attorney.																		
Jones, D.	131	164	107	157	143	18	167	69	112	96	28	66	13	11	110	58	1547	120
Barnes, R.	222	109	67	124	101	44	176	113	77	62	47	103	40	26	76	40	1427	
Superintendent.																		
Busenbark, D.	130	126	105	138	123	32	171	150	112	91	42	73	24	15	110	49	1497	31
Carter, R.	209	150	65	147	122	24	177	132	77	64	28	94	29	21	79	51	1464	
Com'r, 1st District.																		
Dierking, D.	131								112	91	47	78	27	15			501	
Eek, R.	207								71	65	30	94	28	24			516	15

NOTES.

Republican county convention held Tuesday, September 1. A. J. Skeene, of Chalk, chairman; B. P. Morlan, of Halifax, secretary.

People's Party convention held Saturday, September 5. J. R. Moreland, of Eskridge, chairman; Wm. Treu of Alma, secretary.

Democratic county convention held Wednesday, September 3. M. F. Trivett, of Eskridge, chairman; R. L. Shumate, of Eskridge, secretary.

The vote on probate judge in the Republican convention:

Ballots	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.
L. J. Woodard	33	31	29	49
James Carroll	37	36	37	25
L. Richards	25	27	26	18

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1897.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Wabaunsee.	Kaw.	Maple Hill.	Paxico.	McFarland.	Wilmington.	Plumb.	Rock Creek.	Mill Creek.	Farmer.	Garfield.	West Branch.	Spring Creek.	Grant.	Misslon Creek.	Totals.	Majorities.
District Judge.																		
Wm. Thomson, R.	188	136	106	152	140	23	152	111	66	72	35	105	29	16	94	40	1465	434
B. F. Martin, D.	150	63	68	67	109	38	91	88	82	56	39	55	16	19	60	29	1031	
Treasurer.																		
J. B. Kistler, R.	108	120	74	142	120	18	145	103	72	62	19	132	21	14	75	33	1261	
J. M. Lee, D.	226	115	100	103	130	41	157	127	96	93	58	37	24	23	102	45	1477	216
Register of Deeds.																		
Emma Little, R.	136	105	77	148	126	19	177	121	72	77	25	91	16	15	89	40	1334	
C. H. Thompson, P.	195	133	96	96	122	43	119	106	94	75	53	68	29	22	86	40	1377	43
County Clerk.																		
B. P. Morlan, R.	85	119	59	134	105	10	165	119	68	57	8	87	8	11	79	41	1155	
B. Buchli, D.	253	112	110	109	145	52	131	108	98	100	65	74	41	29	98	37	1562	407
Sheriff.																		
G. W. Crouch, R.	90	119	76	165	123	12	161	115	66	57	11	85	8	6	87	41	1222	
Wm. Treu, P.	247	120	98	81	132	50	138	114	101	95	66	76	39	33	89	28	1517	295
Surveyor.																		
W. S. Whitlock, R.	98	116	99	141	124	17	165	112	70	67	16	93	12	10	88	48	1272	
J. H. Jones, P.	225	118	74	99	128	41	120	113	97	84	57	66	31	27	87	33	1403	131
Coroner.																		
D. H. Hazzard, R.	106	128	71	135	128	19	164	114	70	70	15	94	14	10	90	41	1269	
H. R. Schmidt, P.	220	103	87	97	123	42	118	106	96	75	55	62	30	26	84	35	1359	90
Com'r. 2d Dist.																		
C. N. Earl, R.							222	107							102	44	475	175
E. H. McMillan, P.							78	116							72	31	300	

NOTES.

The Democratic judicial convention held at Alma, Tuesday, September 14, 1897: B. F. Martin nominated.

People's Party judicial convention held at Alma, Saturday, September 18, 1897; B. F. Martin's nomination endorsed.

The Republican judicial convention was held at Alma, Wednesday, Aug. 4, Judge Wm. Thomson being nominated without opposition.

Republican county convention held Tuesday, September 14, 1897. W. S. Bolton, of Paxico, chairman: Wyatt Roush, of Harveyville, secretary.

Democratic county convention held Saturday, September 18, 1897. M. F. Trivett, of Eskridge, chairman: Oscar Schmitz, of Alma, secretary.

People's Party convention held Saturday September 18. J. R. Moreland, of Eskridge, chairman: Wm. Pringle, of Harveyville, secretary.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1898.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Farmer.	Wabaunsee.	Plumb.	Maple Hill.	Kaw.	Wilmington.	Grant.	Mission Creek.	Rock Creek.	Garfield.	West Branch.	Spring Creek.	Dewey.	Sherman.	Paxico.	McFarland.	Totals.	Majorities.
Governor.																			
J. W. Leedy, F.	169	50	87	89	89	82	106	78	29	87	57	19	12	21	42	126	34	1174	
W. E. Stanley, R.	173	27	139	139	172	83	184	84	38	81	108	20	16	18	43	121	23	1464	290
W. A. Peffer, Pro.	5	...	10	12	2	1	15	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	50	
Cong., 4th dist.																			
H. S. Martin, F.	143	43	83	87	90	79	106	73	30	82	54	15	10	20	41	117	34	1107	
J. M. Miller, R.	179	21	148	146	167	82	188	86	37	87	111	22	14	20	41	124	24	1497	390
Representative.																			
L. Palenske, F.	200	57	92	102	89	80	111	77	28	81	65	28	24	24	46	123	45	1272	
W. M. Rinehart, R.	136	13	135	130	169	78	182	80	38	86	98	12	7	16	41	123	13	1355	83
County Attorney.																			
H. B. Jones, F.	137	12	112	94	100	83	94	82	31	89	59	19	16	19	47	116	50	1180	
C. E. Carroll, R.	212	23	119	141	156	84	200	76	36	78	107	27	15	20	40	129	28	1491	311
County Supt.																			
Dow Busenbark, F.	181	53	110	117	119	98	145	93	33	103	74	24	17	24	54	130	36	1411	152
D. G. Martin, R.	166	19	121	121	141	66	154	66	33	68	90	16	12	17	32	115	22	1259	
Clerk of Dist. Court.																			
J. W. Taylor, F.	130	43	84	81	51	78	121	83	31	88	51	12	16	21	44	122	31	1140	
Wyatt Roush, R.	184	32	144	157	108	81	173	74	36	83	107	26	15	19	38	125	24	1460	320
Probate Judge.																			
M. K. Anderson, F.	109	33	71	84	88	71	110	73	29	101	46	12	8	19	39	101	27	1021	
T. S. Spielman, R.	214	39	156	146	169	90	182	83	36	69	117	30	18	20	46	145	30	1590	569
Coroner.																			
O. E. Webb, F.	145	45	84	85	93	79	91	70	28	89	48	11	10	19	39	134	32	1698	
T. W. Hunt, R.	169	19	142	143	163	74	205	87	36	78	103	28	13	20	41	111	25	1457	359
Com'r, 3d Dist.																			
Henry Breymeyer, F.	...	...	89	...	88	65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71	15	328	
A. R. Strowl, R.	...	...	134	...	165	83	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	170	41	592	265

NOTES.

Democratic convention held Saturday, September 3, 1898. J. H. Michaelis, of Paxico, chairman; Oscar Schmitz, of Alma, secretary.

People's Party convention held Saturday, September 3, 1898. Wm. Pringle, of Harveyville, chairman; W. T. Stewart, of Wabaunsee, secretary.

Republican convention held Tuesday, September 13, 1898. A. J. Skeene, of Rock Creek, chairman; O. W. Little, of Alma, secretary.

J. N. Dolley, of Maple Hill, was nominated for representative by the Republicans, but withdrew and W. M. Rinehart, of Eskridge, was substituted by the committee.

In the Republican convention all the nominees were named by acclamation, except coroner and probate judge, there being five ballots for probate judge—Messrs. Spielman, Sudweeks and Richards being the contestants.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1899.

CANDIDATES.	Alma.	Wabaunsee.	Miller.	Kaw.	Maple Hill.	Paxico.	McFarland.	Williamington.	Plumb.	Rock Creek.	Sherman.	Dewey.	Farmer.	Garfield.	West Branch.	Spring Creek.	Grant.	Mission Creek.	Totals.	Majorities.
Treasurer.																				
Jos. LaFontaine, F.	196	91	31	90	100	136	48	110	90	84	47	20	55	48	36	21	66	37	1306	36
Gilbert Stewart, R.	122	103	13	53	167	113	20	169	131	69	37	20	11	100	15	14	79	34	1270	
County clerk.																				
B. Buchli, F.	239	99	31	113	126	173	51	134	98	94	74	28	65	83	47	20	82	46	1616	591
O. J. Rose, R.	96	95	12	37	136	78	14	156	126	62	18	13	3	70	7	1	68	27	1025	
Sheriff.																				
F. J. Frey, F.	240	80	32	104	114	178	58	146	103	91	67	23	57	58	34	25	92	43	1545	493
F. M. Meredith, R.	93	112	12	44	143	76	9	37	118	65	23	13	8	90	19	11	52	27	1052	
Register of Deeds.																				
P. Dorgan, F.	181	69	23	75	93	115	42	119	86	87	46	22	48	45	23	22	70	37	1206	
D. U. Millison, R.	133	122	16	68	164	126	25	169	136	68	42	18	17	102	24	11	76	35	1352	146
Surveyor.																				
J. H. Jones, F.	201	90	28	35	90	126	43	121	94	89	48	20	56	52	21	18	71	40	1243	
W. S. Whitlock, R.	129	103	14	115	167	125	25	165	129	67	39	19	11	95	23	18	75	32	1351	108
Coroner.																				
H. F. Palenske, F.	229	75	28	86	100	129	45	103	93	88	49	22	56	54	20	23	68	39	1307	32
T. W. Hunt, R.	108	112	13	51	157	116	22	188	131	69	41	18	10	95	23	11	78	32	1275	
Com., 1st dist.																				
L. T. Rice, F.	158	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	93	76	27	47	62	20	15	...	...	498	101
J. M. Eck, R.	162	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	10	13	18	84	27	22	...	...	397	

NOTES.

Republican convention held Tuesday, August 29, 1899. W. S. Bolton, of Paxico, chairman; L. C. Johnson, of Alta Vista, secretary.

Democratic convention held Saturday, September 2, 1899. M. F. Trivett, of Eskridge, chairman; P. R. Young, of Eskridge, secretary.

People's Party convention held Saturday, September 2, 1899. Wm. Pringle, of Harveyville, chairman; L. T. Rice, of Halifax, secretary.

In the Republican convention there were contests for the office of treasurer, sheriff and register of deeds.

For treasurer:	1st ballot.	2d ballot.
Gilbert Stewart, Maple Hill	44	52
Fred Crafts, Alma	41	37
W. E. Little, Mission Creek	12	8

For sheriff:	1st ballot.	2d ballot.
F. M. Meredith, Eskridge	48	56
John Cromer, Volland	28	28
W. Chillson, Alma	21	9

For register of deeds:	1st ballot.
D. U. Millison, Chalk	50
W. G. Weaver, Alma	44
I. H. Hopps, Wabaunsee	3

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1900.

CANDIDATES.	Alma 363	Spring Creek 40	West Branch 59	McFarland . . 70	Paxico 281	Maple Hill . . 252	Kaw 192	Wabaunsee . 244	Miller 62	Mission Creek 102	Grant 200	Plumb 292	Rock Creek . . 182	Farmer 80	Mill Creek . . 146	Garfield . . . 190	Wilmington 389	Total	Maj or Plu. . . .
Pres. electors.																			
McKinley, r	172	18	27	25	131	197	99	172	35	60	114	179	94	28	76	133	228	1798	532
Bryan, f	168	21	26	45	140	86	89	97	25	38	80	100	82	50	64	52	150	1266	
Governor.																			
W. E. Stanley, r . . .	157	14	21	24	127	193	94	160	34	56	113	172	82	31	73	126	220	1709	402
J. W. Breidenthal, f .	181	19	25	46	139	86	92	75	21	49	82	105	91	44	68	56	138	1507	
Cong 4th district.																			
J. M. Miller, r	165	14	25	24	135	188	90	164	31	55	111	174	80	28	71	129	225	1709	445
Thos. H. Grisham, f .	169	18	21	44	132	84	88	69	24	38	81	104	92	45	63	51	137	1264	
State sen. 21st dist.																			
G. W. McKnight, r . .	147	14	28	24	133	86	94	164	34	54	111	164	83	29	72	126	220	1683	399
J. W. Lowdermilk, f .	183	21	23	43	133	84	87	70	24	40	81	107	90	45	63	53	137	1284	
Rep. 48th District.																			
Jno. Sudweeks, r . . .	173	11	28	26	131	188	96	161	34	55	94	157	81	29	62	126	192	1619	354
Arthur Cate, f	151	17	23	43	132	82	80	68	24	40	97	114	91	44	71	52	166	1295	
Probate judge																			
Theo. S. Spielman, r .	224	20	33	41	160	227	113	172	38	59	109	192	101	54	75	143	245	2006	
Clerk district court																			
Wyatt Roush, r	215	19	29	30	145	185	99	145	38	51	106	189	89	41	76	128	228	1816	667
Wm. Bowes, f	104	17	23	36	124	82	80	91	20	40	81	95	88	29	58	47	131	1149	
County attorney.																			
Fred Seaman, r	208	23	29	43	156	180	96	164	38	51	105	161	93	52	66	126	202	1790	610
J. R. Moreland, f . . .	109	13	24	24	114	96	88	63	20	42	83	113	83	22	71	53	162	1180	
County Supt.																			
T. J. Perry, r	158	19	26	26	140	147	84	153	34	54	100	185	83	37	71	103	216	1636	296
J. H. Houston, f . . .	158	18	29	37	129	132	93	77	23	40	91	95	90	35	67	79	147	1340	
Commissioner.																			
S. B. Chapman, r . . .										41	106	117					197	461	
Wm. Pringle, f										53	86	161					168	471	10

NOTES.

Republican convention held July 17, 1900. W. S. Bolton, of Paxico, chairman; S. C. Smith, of Wabaunsee, secretary.

People's Party convention held July 28, 1900. Wm. Pringle, of Harveyville, chairman; J. W. Taylor, of Maple Hill, secretary.

Democratic convention held July 28, 1900. M. F. Trivett, of Eskridge, chairman; J. Y. Waugh, of Eskridge, secretary.

With the exception of Mr. Spielman, every candidate on the Republican ticket resided in the southeast part of the county.

One of the surprises of the convention was the nomination of Mr. Seaman for county attorney, he not being an aspirant for the position.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



RESIDENCE OF MR. C. STRATTON,
Pavilion.



THE DAN MORLAN QUARRY,
Near Eskridge.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 35.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 47.



RESIDENCE OF MR. FRED DIERKING,
Rock Creek Township.



RESIDENCE OF MR. AUG. MEINHARDT,
Newbury Township.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH, Rock Creek.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 66.

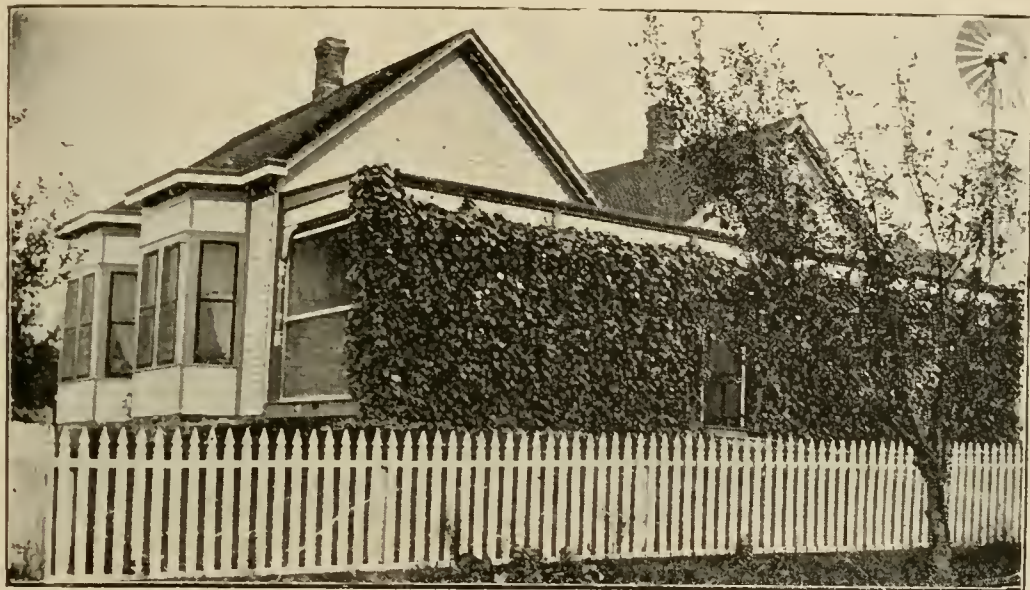


RESIDENCE OF MR. A. E. TRUE, Newbury.



ROYAL NEIGHBORS' FLOAT, Alma, Woodman Day, August 30, 1900.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



MR. W. J. TOD'S RESIDENCE ON THE FOWLER RANCH, Maple Hill.



MAPLE HILL SCHOOL, 1902.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



AN OLD LANDMARK.
Where "Butter-Hanness" kept store in 1869.



THE "MILL" SCHOOL.
District No. 59, near Paxico.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



MAIN STREET, Alta Vista.
Looking south from Bnak.



WOODMAN HALL AND POST-OFFICE,
Chalk.



RESIDENCE OF MR. OTTO WINKLER,
Vera.



RESIDENCE OF MR. FRANK SCHMIDT,
Alma.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 86.



MISSION POINT BAPTIST CHURCH,
Plumb Township.

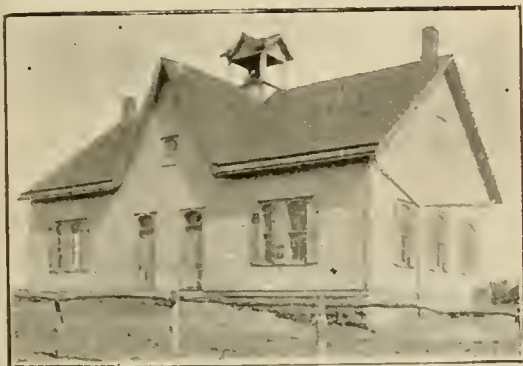
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RESIDENCE OF MR. PETE HOLMAN,
Alta Vista.



RESIDENCE OF MR. W. H. MELROSE,
Eskridge.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 56, Keene.



SONS OF VETERANS HALL, Keene.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 7.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 44.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



THE OLD AND THE NEW.
Schoolhouses at Halifax.



THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ALMA.
Before spire was built.



SCHOOLHOUSE, DISTRICT No. 30.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



FRAME SCHOOL-HOUSE, Wabaunsee.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, Paxico.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 71.



SCHOOL-HOUSE, District No. 3.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



WESLEYAN METHODIST COLLEGE,
Eskridge.



EARL BROS'. STORE,
Eskridge.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



WAUSHARA M. E. CHURCH.



M. E. CHURCH AT HARVEYVILLE.



OFFICE AND YARDS OF PAXICO LUMBER COMPANY.

Wabaunsee County Election Returns, 1901.

CANDIDATES.	Kaw	Maple Hill	Miller	McFarland,....	Paxico.....	Wabaunsee...	Totals	Majority
Commissioner, 3rd District.								
Andrew Bell..	137	45	17	44	135	40	418	59
J. E. Romick.....	7	176	18	8	73	77	359	

List of County Officers.

With Name and Date of Election.

REPRESENTATIVE.

Amasa Bartlett	November 8, 1859	A. Sellers	November 4, 1873
Ernest Hohencek	December 6, 1859	S. A. Baldwin	" 3, 1874
Abner Allen	" 6, 1859	S. A. Baldwin	" 2, 1875
E. J. Lines	" 6, 1859	E. N. Morehouse	" 7, 1876
C. B. Lines	November 6, 1860	L. J. McCrumb	" 5, 1878
J. B. Ingersoll, ...	" 5, 1861	L. J. McCrumb	" 2, 1880
A. C. Pierce	" 5, 1861	L. Pauly	" 7, 1892*
T. F. Herzog	" 5, 1861	F. L. Raymond	" 5, 1884
D. M. Johnston	" 4, 1862	Chas. Taylor	" 2, 1886
D. M. Johnston	" 3, 1863	A. F. Wade	" 6, 1888
H. D. Shepard	" 8, 1864	John Rehrig	" 4, 1890
H. D. Shepard	" 7, 1865	Joseph Treu	" 8, 1892
H. J. Loomis	" 6, 1866	G. G. Cornell	" 6, 1894
Wm. Mitchell	" 5, 1867	L. Palenske	" 3, 1896
Samuel R. Weed	" 6, 1868	W. M. Rinehart	" 1898
A. Sellers	" 5, 1872	John Sudweeks	" 1900

COUNTY CLERK.

Geo. M. Harvey.....	March 28, 1859	T. N. Watts.....	November 4, 1879
S. E. Beach.....	November 8, 1859	D. M. Gardner	" 8, 1881
H. M. Seldon.....	" 5, 1861	H. G. Licht.....	" 6, 1883
H. M. Seldon*.....	" 3, 1863	G. W. French.....	" 3, 1885
S. H. Fairfield	" 7, 1865	G. W. French†.....	" 8, 1887
S. R. Weed	" 5, 1867	C. O. Kinne.....	" 5, 1889
J. M. Matheny	" 2, 1869	C. O. Kinne.....	" 11, 1891
G. W. Watson.....	" 7, 1871	J. R. Henderson	" 7, 1893
G. W. Watson.....	" 4, 1873	J. R. Henderson	" 5, 1895
G. W. Watson	" 2, 1875	B. Buchli, Jr	" 2, 1897
T. N. Watts	" 6, 1877	B. Buchli, Jr	" 1899

*Died in office, S. A. Baldwin appointed July 3, 1865.

†Died in office, C. O. Kinne appointed December 15, 1888.

COUNTY TREASURER.

Henry Harvey	March 28, 1859	Chas. Ross.....	November 4, 1879
H. M. Seldon	November 8, 1859	Chas. Ross	" 8, 1881
S. E. Beach	" 5, 1861	Joseph Fields.....	" 6, 1883
S. R. Weed	" 3, 1863	Joseph Fields.....	" 3, 1885
S. R. Weed	" 7, 1865	J. B. Fields.....	" 8, 1887
S. H. Fairfield	" 5, 1867	F. Stuewe	" 5, 1889
S. H. Fairfield	" 2, 1869	J. H. Michaelis.....	" 3, 1891
Chas. Ross	" 7, 1871	J. H. Michaelis.....	" 7, 1893
Chas. Ross	" 4, 1873	J. M. Lee	" 5, 1895
Joseph Fields.....	" 2, 1875	J. M. Lee	" 2, 1897
Joseph Fields	" 6, 1877	Jos. Lafontaine	" 1899

PROBATE JUDGE.

J. M. Hubbard	March 28, 1859	J. T. Keagy.....	November 2, 1880
J. M. Hubbard	November 8, 1859	J. T. Keagy	" 7, 1882
G. G. Hall	" 4, 1862	J. T. Keagy	" 5, 1884
G. G. Hall	" 8, 1864	J. T. Keagy	" 2, 1886
G. G. Hall	" 6, 1866	L. Richards.....	" 6, 1888
G. G. Hall	" 3, 1868	L. T. Rice	" 4, 1890
G. G. Hall	" 8, 1870	L. T. Rice	" 8, 1892
G. G. Hall	" 5, 1872	L. J. Woodard	" 6, 1894
G. G. Hall	" 3, 1874	L. J. Woodard	" 3, 1896
G. G. Hall	" 7, 1876	T. S. Spielman.....	" 1898
G. G. Hall	" 5, 1878	T. S. Spielman.....	" 1900

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Moses C. Welch.....	March 28, 1859	S. H. Fairfield.....	November 4, 1879
E. C. D. Lines	November 8, 1859	S. H. Fairfield	" 8, 1881
S. R. Weed	" 5, 1861	S. H. Fairfield	" 6, 1883
S. A. Baldwin	" 3, 1863	J. C. Henderson....	" 3, 1885
S. A. Baldwin	" 7, 1865	J. C. Henderson.....	" 8, 1887
S. R. Weed	" 5, 1867	J. C. Henderson.....	" 5, 1889
S. H. Fairfield	" 2, 1869	W. B. Small	" 3, 1891
S. H. Fairfield	" 7, 1871	W. B. Small	" 7, 1893
S. H. Fairfield	" 4, 1873	Emma Little.....	" 5, 1895
S. H. Fairfield	" 2, 1875	C. H. Thompson	" 2, 1897
S. H. Fairfield	" 6, 1877	D. U. Millison.....	" 1899

SHERIFF.

Jehu Hodgson	March 28, 1859	D. M. Gardner.....	November 4, 1879
Jehu Hodgson	November 8, 1859	H. J. Pippert.....	" 8, 1881
Jehu Hodgson	" 5, 1861	H. J. Pippert.....	" 6, 1883
S. B. Harvey.....	" 3, 1863	J. M. Russell	" 3, 1885
Geo. W. Daily.....	" 8, 1864	J. M. Russell	" 8, 1887
J. H. Pinkerton.....	" 7, 1865	S. E. Hull	" 5, 1889
J. H. Pinkerton.....	" 5, 1867	H. J. Palenske.....	" 3, 1891
E. Herrick	" 2, 1869	H. J. Palenske.....	" 7, 1893
E. Herrick	" 7, 1871	Wm. Treu.....	" 5, 1895
E. Hoskinson	" 4, 1873	Wm. Treu	" 2, 1897
B. Hoskinson	" 2, 1875	Fred J. Frey.....	" 1899
L. M. Gardner.....	" 6, 1877		

COUNTY ATTORNEY.

R. G. Terry	March 28, 1859	G. G. Cornell.....	November 2, 1880
W. Odlin	November 8, 1859	G. G. Cornell.....	" 7, 1882
A. H. Case (Dist. Atty)	" 5, 1861	W. A. Doolittle	" 5, 1884
A. H. Case (Dist. Atty)	" 3, 1863	J. B. Barnes.....	" 2, 1886
E. J. Lines	" 8, 1864	J. B. Barnes.....	" 6, 1888
N. H. Whittemore.....	" 6, 1866	J. H. Jones	" 4, 1890
N. H. Whittemore.....	" 3, 1868	J. H. Jones	" 8, 1892
N. H. Whittemore*.....	" 8, 1870	J. B. Barnes.....	" 6, 1894
J. T. Keagy.....	" 5, 1872	H. B. Jones.....	" 3, 1896
J. T. Keagy.....	" 3, 1874	C. E. Carroll	" 1898
W. A. Doolittle	" 7, 1876	F. A. Seaman	" 1900
W. A. Doolittle	" 5, 1878		

CLERK DISTRICT COURT.

E. C. D. Lines.....	December 6, 1859	H. G. Licht	November 5, 1878
J. V. B. Thompson.....	November 5, 1861	H. G. Licht.....	" 2, 1880
S. R. Weed	" 4, 1862	H. G. Licht.....	" 7, 1882
S. R. Weed	" 8, 1864	T. S. Spielman.....	" 5, 1884
S. R. Weed	" 6, 1866	T. S. Spielman.....	" 2, 1886
S. R. Weed	" 3, 1868	T. S. Spielman.....	" 6, 1888
R. G. Mossman.....	" 8, 1870	H. B. Jones.....	" 4, 1890
R. G. Mossman.....	" 5, 1872	H. B. Jones.....	" 8, 1892
W. A. Doolittle	" 4, 1873	W. G. Weaver.....	" 6, 1894
Percival Hawes.....	" 3, 1874	W. G. Weaver.....	" 3, 1896
A. W. Gregory.....	" 2, 1875	Wyatt Roush	" 1898
H. G. Licht.....	" 7, 1876	Wyatt Roush	" 1900

SURVEYOR.

G. Zwanziger	March 28, 1859	W. T. Mahan	November 8, 1881
G. Zwanziger.....	November 8, 1859	W. T. Mahan.....	" 6, 1883
G. Zwanziger	" 5, 1861	W. D. Deans.....	" 3, 1885
J. E. Evans.....	" 3, 1863	W. D. Deans.....	" 8, 1887
G. Zwanziger	" 7, 1865	W. D. Deans.....	" 5, 1889
S. R. Weed	" 5, 1867	B. Buchli, Sr.....	" 3, 1891
J. M. Matheny.....	" 2, 1869	B. Buchli, Sr.....	" 7, 1893
G. Zwanziger	" 7, 1871	W. D. Deans.....	" 5, 1895
G. Zwanziger	" 4, 1873	J. H. Jones†.....	October 14, 1897
S. R. Weed.....	" 2, 1875	J. H. Jones	November 2, 1897
J. B. Easter.....	" 6, 1877	W. S. Whitlock	" 1899
W. T. Mahan.....	" 4, 1879		

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

J. E. Platt.....	March 28, 1859	W. E. Richey.....	November 7, 1876
J. H. Gould	November 8, 1859	Matt Thomson.....	" 5, 1878
J. H. Gould.....	" 6, 1860	Matt Thomson.....	" 2, 1880
J. H. Gould.....	" 4, 1862	Matt Thomson.....	" 7, 1882
Isaiah Harris.....	" 7, 1865	Matt Thomson.....	" 5, 1884
Isaiah Harris.....	" 6, 1866	Matt Thomson.....	" 2, 1886
T. M. Allen.....	" 3, 1868	W. W. Ramey	" 6, 1888
T. M. Allen.....	" 2, 1869	Florence Dickinson..	" 4, 1890
R. M. Tunnell.....	" 8, 1870	Geo. L. Clothier.....	" 8, 1892
W. F. Cotton.....	" 7, 1871	C. C. Carter	" 6, 1894
W. S. McCormick.....	" 5, 1872	Dow Busenbark.....	" 3, 1896
F. W. Kroenke.....	" 3, 1874	Dow Busenbark.....	" 1898
W. E. Richey.....	" 2, 1875	T. J. Perry.....	" 1900

*Died in office, J. T. Keagy appointed.

†Mr. Deans died in office. Mr. Jones appointed.

CORONER.

August Brasche.....	March 28, 1859	E. W. Eldridge.....	November 8, 1881
August Brasche.....	November 8, 1859	E. W. Weems.....	" 6, 1883
August Brasche.....	" 5, 1861	J. C. McElvain.....	" 5, 1884
August Brasche.....	" 3, 1863	C. J. Sawyer.....	" 3, 1885
August Brasche.....	" 7, 1865	E. W. Eldridge.....	" 2, 1886
August Brasche.....	" 5, 1867	E. W. Eldridge.....	" 8, 1887
August Brasche.....	" 2, 1869	T. H. Hall.....	" 5, 1889
C. S. Montgomery.....	" 7, 1871	T. H. Hall.....	" 3, 1891
Henry Schmitz.....	" 4, 1873	H. R. Schmidt.....	" 7, 1893
T. N. Watts.....	" 2, 1875	G. C. Beals.....	" 5, 1895
J. P. Brown.....	" 6, 1877	H. R. Schmidt.....	" 2, 1897
J. P. Brown.....	" 4, 1879	H. F. Palenske.....	" 1899

ASSESSOR.

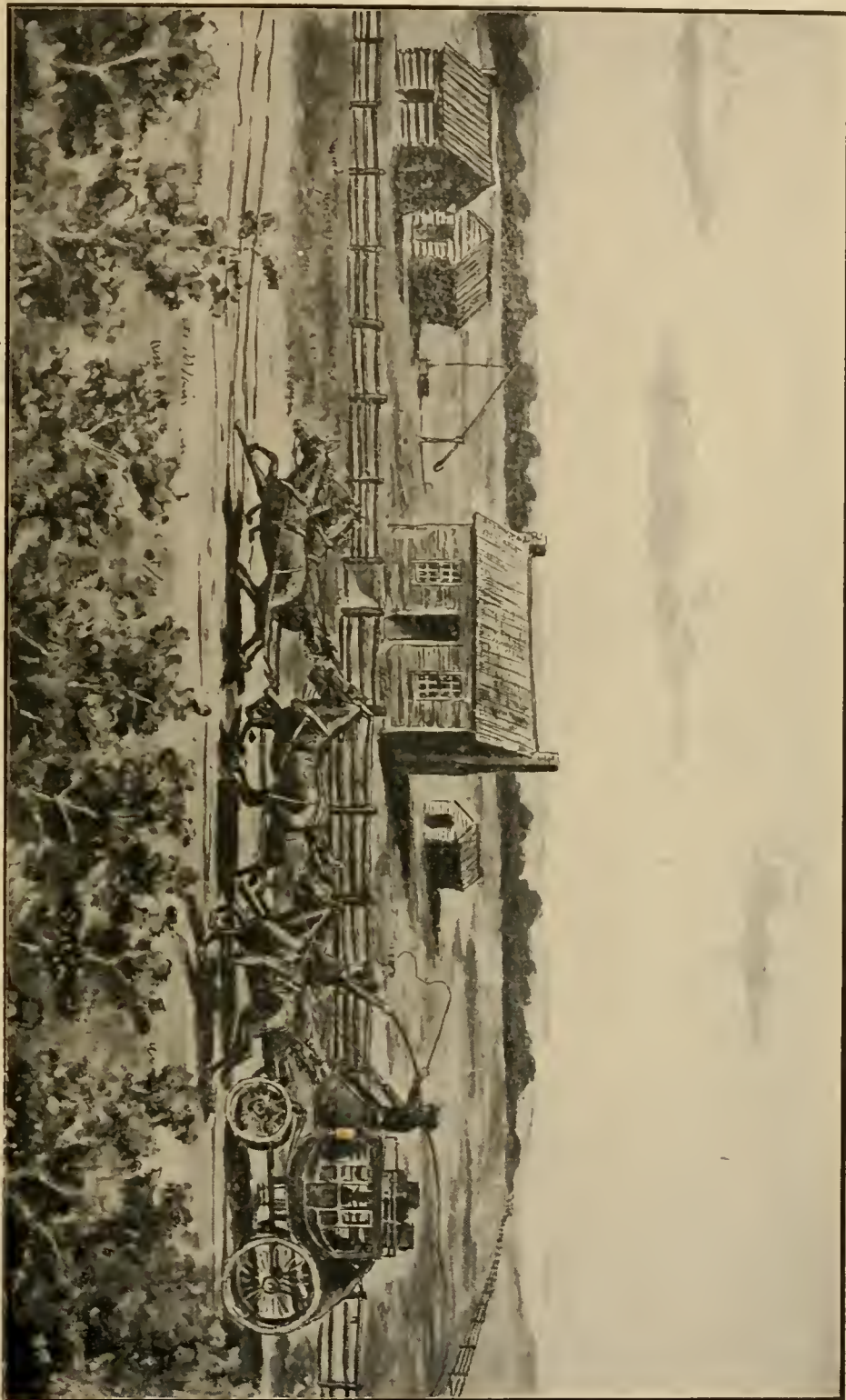
H. M. Seldon.....	March 31, 1860	Geo. M. Harvey.....	November 7, 1865
H. J. Loomis.....	November 6, 1860	John Herriott.....	" 5, 1867
D. L. Bates.....	" 5, 1861	E. Herrick.....	" 3, 1868
Wm. Kreig.....	" 3, 1863		

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

(Henry Harvey, J. M. Hubbard and G. Zwanziger appointed by Governor.)

James W. Blain.....	March 6, 1860	W. E. Little.....	November 2, 1875
James B. Ingersoll.....	" 6, 1860	J. R. Gross.....	" 2, 1875
G. Zwanziger.....	" 6, 1860	Lorenz Pauly.....	" 6, 1877
Wm. Mitchell.....	November 6, 1860	Geo. W. French.....	" 6, 1877
F. X. Hebrank.....	" 6, 1860	Wm. Mitchell.....	" 6, 1877
J. B. Ingersoll.....	" 6, 1860	L. Pauly.....	" 5, 1878
Wm. Mitchell.....	" 5, 1861	F. L. Raymond.....	" 2, 1880
F. X. Hebrank.....	" 5, 1861	Geo. Mogge.....	" 8, 1881
J. B. Ingersoll.....	" 5, 1861	B. H. Younker.....	" 8, 1881
E. R. McCurdy.....	" 3, 1863	J. W. Core.....	" 7, 1882
Joseph Treu.....	" 3, 1863	A. E. True.....	" 6, 1883
H. D. Shepard.....	" 3, 1863	A. F. Wade.....	" 3, 1885
Wm. Mitchell.....	" 7, 1865	G. W. Greenwood.....	" 2, 1886
Henry Schmitz.....	" 7, 1865	Joseph Treu.....	" 8, 1887
W. D. Ewing.....	" 7, 1865	Eli Walton.....	" 6, 1888
Henry Schmitz.....	" 5, 1867	Ed Worsley.....	" 5, 1889
H. M. Sanford.....	" 5, 1867	Joseph Treu.....	" 4, 1890
Morris Walton.....	" 5, 1867	Eli Walton.....	" 3, 1891
John Copp.....	" 2, 1869	Moritz Hund.....	" 8, 1892
Enoch Platt.....	" 2, 1869	P. F. Johnson.....	" 7, 1893
Allen Hodgson.....	" 2, 1869	C. N. Earl.....	" 6, 1894
Joseph Thoes.....	" 7, 1871	Robert Strowig.....	" 5, 1895
Allen Hodgson.....	" 7, 1871	Joseph M. Eck.....	" 3, 1896
Allen Phillips.....	" 7, 1871	C. N. Earl.....	" 2, 1897
Joseph Thoes.....	" 4, 1873	Robert Strowig.....	" 1898
J. W. Crandall.....	" 4, 1873	L. T. Rice.....	" 1899
A. E. True.....	" 4, 1873	Wm. Pringle.....	" 1900
J. R. Fix.....	" 2, 1875	Andrew Bell.....	" 1901

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



THE OVERLAND MAIL TO SANTA FE.
The station at Elm Creek, nine miles west of Wilmington, in 1859. See page 205.

The Old Santa Fe Trail.

At the old mail station at Elm creek, just over the line in Breckenridge (now Lyon Co.) we first became initiated into the mysteries of plainscraft.

It was here that was born the desire to know more of the boundless West—to see with our own eyes the land of the Aztec.

Through the influence of an uncle, Mr. Ben. Thomson, of Independence, Mo., my father was appointed agent of the Overland Mail Company (carrying the U. S. mail from Independence, Mo. to Santa Fe, New Mexico).

My father entered upon his duties March 1, 1859, and for three years we lived at the old station, building the frame house seen in the illustration in 1859. The old log buildings were constructed several years before by former agents of the mail company.

In the Southeast corner of Richardson county (now Wabannsee) the military road from Fort Leavenworth formed a junction with the greatest and most extensively traveled thoroughfare on the American continent.

For three quarters of a century the people of more than a hundred flourishing towns in the valley of the Rio Grande and old Mexico had received their supplies in wagons drawn by mules and oxen over the historic Santa Fe trail.

From small ventures the traffic increased until goods to the value of two millions of dollars were annually purchased from the merchants of Kansas City, Independence, Lexington and Boonville (Old Franklin).

This meant the employment of an army of men and the purchase of thousands of oxen and mules, with hundreds of wagons to meet the constantly increasing demands of the trade between the people of the States and those of New Mexico.

Having crossed the plains half a score of times during the sixties and having been a quasi resident of the territories for nearly three years during that period our knowledge of the then existing conditions is based upon actual experience among the participants in the stirring scenes of a most eventful period in our country's history.

Our stay at the old mail station we regard as the most pleasurable of our existence. For three years we unthoughtedly reveled in an

atmosphere of romantic incident. With boyish eagerness we listened to tales of frontier life—to the stories told by plainsmen, army officers, soldiers in the ranks, and employes of the mail company—each and every one of whom had courted danger from every standpoint.

While among the relators there were some poltroons there were many heroes—heroes without dreaming of it. There was no braggadocio in manner or speech. The greatest difficulty lay in eliciting facts from unwilling tongues: only the mock hero is prone to lavish and extravagant recitals of tales of personal prowess that have an existence only in the relator's vivid imagery.

But few other than those who know the facts can realize the immense volume of trade that passed over the trail through Wabaunsee county to Santa Fe prior to the advent of the iron horse.

For days the rumble of the heavily laden wagons, the cracking of whips, and the noise incident to a constant passing of trains made a din indescribable and almost incessant. During the summer season hundreds of wagons passed daily on their way to Santa Fe. During the Pike's Peak excitement in '59 as many as 300 vehicles of all descriptions would go into camp near the old mail station at the Elm creek crossing. In this motley crowd would be from 500 to 1,000 men—but few women—of a dozen nationalities. Usually Americans predominated but our Mexican neighbors came in for a close second.

Fully one-half of the overland traffic was carried on by Mexican freighters—in wagons drawn by mules or oxen—about equally divided.

Around the nightly campfires could be heard songs of mirth, tales of adventure, and recitals that would almost congeal the blood in one's veins. Possibly exaggeration was purposely engrafted for the edification—or discomfiture—of the tenderfoot.

That in the youthful listener the desire was enkindled to know more of the great plains, the historic ground and the quaint people beyond was but natural. As with the New England boy the stories of people beyond the seas begot a longing to cross the ocean so with the youth living on the margin of the Great American Desert—whether on the prairies of Kansas or the borders of Missouri—there was early instilled in his veins an unquenchable longing to cross the plains.

He would view with his own eyes the halls of the Montezumas. The weird and gruesome tales of the deadly trail across the "Jornada"* incited no fears in the boy who would brave every danger to do as many boys had done before him.

*This refers to the dry route between the Cimarron crossing of the Arkansas and the Cimarron (Lost) river. The distance trains were compelled to travel without water varied from 60 to 90 miles and during a dry time there was no water for man or beast, except that carried in kegs from the tepid waters of the Arkansas or the brackish liquid oozing through the sands of the Cimarron. Sometimes whole trains would perish and the bones lay bleaching on the Plains. For this reason this part of the trail was called "Jornada del Muerto"—"The journey of the Dead."

He would see the "Big Timbers," but in the scattering cotton-woods of the Upper Arkansas there was naught but disappointment. "Old Fort Atkinson" dwindled into insignificance as the few rods of dilapidated stone and adobe walls loomed into view. "Raton Pass," "Apache Hill" and the "Turkey Mountains" divested of the romance clinging to their names become commonplace, and even Historic Santa Fe, Old Baldy Mountain and the turbulent Rio Grande are not worth the candle as compared with the pleasant memories clustered about the home fireside and the old log cabin of the early pioneers.

But lack of water wasn't the only unpleasant feature of a journey over the old trail. The Indians were a constant source of anxiety if not of vexation and trouble. Wagon-masters in charge of trains, no matter how large the outfit were given opportunities to disgorge. It was a case of put up or lose a "whoa-haw." The custom was to put up a sufficient amount of bacon, flour, sugar and coffee for a feast—the amount depending on the hostile attitude of the begging Indians, their numbers, or estimated ability to enforce their demands.

The leader of every band of Indians, large or small, went armed with his begging-paper. It was just as essential as any other part of a warrior's equipment—not so war-like, but equally effective in replenishing the empty larder as the rifle and lance, or bow and arrow. But all this is changed—by that modern civilizizer, the railroad. The modern school-house with its patent seats stands where stood the Indian Tepee. Forty years ago (1862) the writer in search of Indian curios wandered down the banks of the Pawnee (near Larned) and found more than he was looking for. He found himself ushered into the presence of Satank;* was asked to dine, and—well, he didn't refuse. But as Mr. Satank will hardly see these lines and no apology be demanded, we will take the liberty of saying that the coffee was too strong, the plum stew too sour, and the buffalo soup was altogether too fresh. The horn spoons and mussel shell ladles were interesting as curiosities but "by the great horn spoon" our appetite did not crave soup without salt conveyed to the mouth in a mussel shell. But we never grumbled at the fare. Just two years before Satank had settled his score with Peacock at the mouth of the Walnut. Possibly our knowledge of this fact caused us to partake of the fare set before us with a seeming relish. As we were about starting on our return trip to camp we were somewhat startled by a blast from Satank's bugle (any person passing over the Santa Fe trail from '60 to '65 will remember Satank and his bugle). The blast brought into his presence a young Indian mounted on a beautiful pony and leading Satank's war-horse. The old chief was going to our camp but he had no idea of

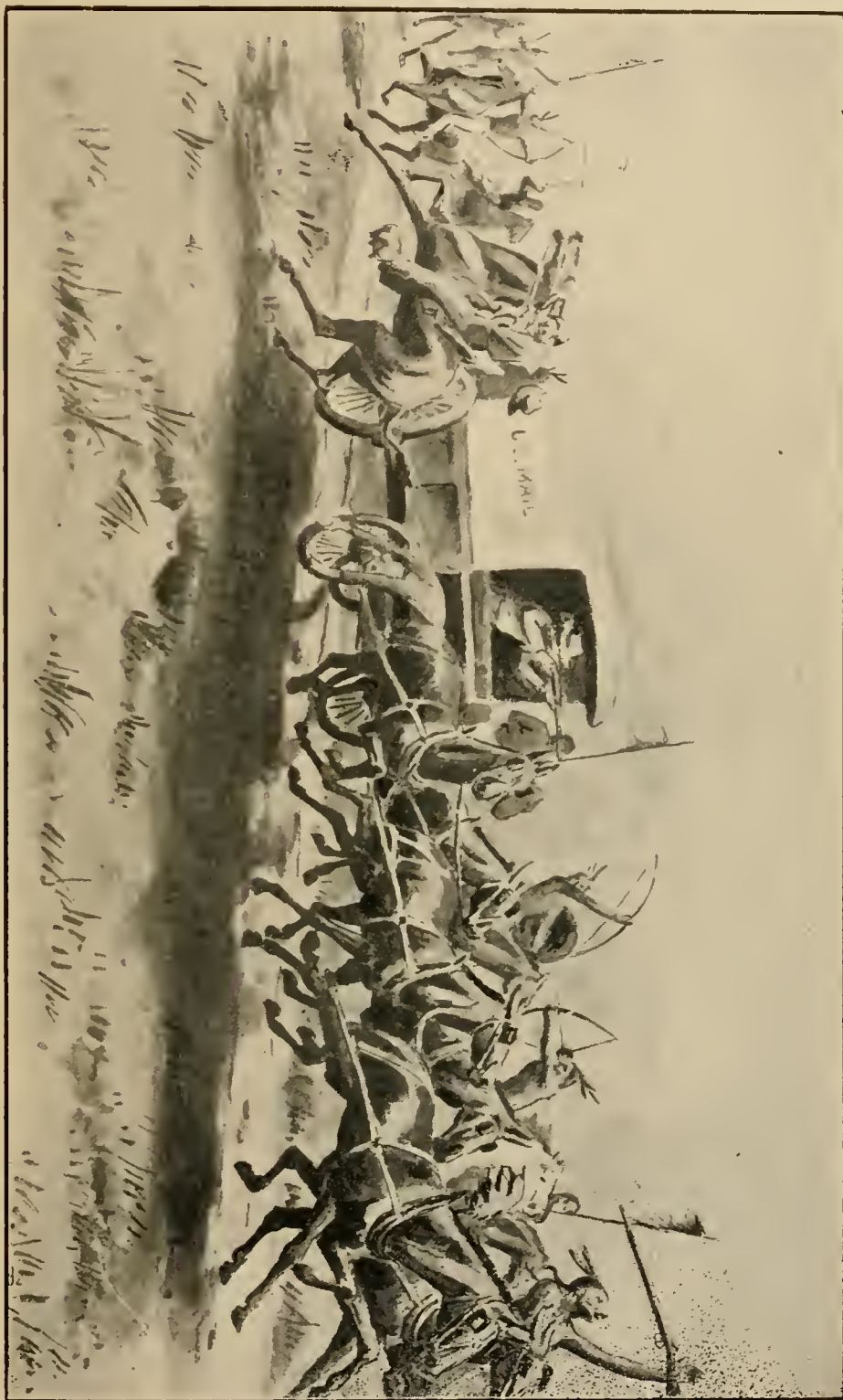
*His begging paper gave us the first intimation as to his name.

walking, nor of permitting ourself to enjoy this much preferred privilege. We rode—at Satank's invitation. It may be that our ready acquiescence in complying with the old chief's every request was due to some hypnotic influence, for which we were then unable to account. But at this, the eleventh hour, we mingle our thanks with congratulations. The thanks are for Satank and the congratulations for ourself—that we are here to chronicle this long deferred account of our first banquet with the wildest of Kiowas in his tepee on the banks of the Arkansas.

During the summer of 1867 the combined tribes of the plains disputed the passing of all trains over the Santa Fe trail. If there were exceptions the fact was due to advantages in the matter of force or organization not in favor of the Indians. They were peaceable or otherwise as the probability of losing their scalps seemed apparent. But with the advent of the railroad came the conviction to the Indian that it was time to be good. The mysterious power of the "talking wire" and the facility with which troops could be transported from one point to another caused Mr. Lo to put on his thinking cap. This thing of swooping down on a train and cutting out a few of the hindmost wagons was ended. The iron horse could not be stampeded, nor could his locomotion be stopped by the old process of cutting the ham-strings. Corraling a train and cutting off the water supply; shooting and scalping the teamsters while guarding the herds of cattle or mules; picking them off while hastily constructing breastworks behind which to conceal their bodies—are among the things of the past, and are less to be attributed to a change of heart on the part of the Indian than to the civilizing influences exerted by the iron horse.

This article on the Old Trail would be incomplete without some reference to the overland mail—carried in the sixties in a Concord coach drawn by six mules with an outrider*—as a promoter of speed. With each coach were three men and occasionally one or more extra coaches were required. The schedule time from Independence to Santa Fe was twenty days until 1860, when it was reduced to fifteen

*Boyish pleasure never assumed the superlative form in a more eminent degree than in our own case while playing the role of outrider on the overland mail. If we could manage to meet the mail at Wilmington and be "whipper-up" to the old station and thence to 142 creek (of course we wanted to go there after the mail) we would feel as though we had met with an unusual piece of good luck. Our predilection for this employment is probably responsible for our failure to take a course at college. Being proffered a scholarship (at Lebanon college, Tenn.) my brother Davis remarked that a place on the mail line would be more to my liking. My father's displeasure in the matter was shown by his never referring to the matter again. But we are not complaining.



THE OVERLAND MAIL TO SANTA FE.
Bill Cole's Last Drive, or Killing of the Smith Brothers, 1859. See page 104.

days. Until 1859 Lost Springs was the last station and outfitting point. Beyond this only "long-route mules" were serviceable, the broken-down and short winded "short-route mules" being detailed for service on short drives on the east and west ends of the line. Here, time was made, as much as 150 miles being covered in the first 24 hours. Conductors and drivers were heavily armed as a protection to the mail and the large sums of money sent in the care of the company. Though seldom attacked the crews were frequently held up by Indians with begging papers. This meant generous treatment or imminent risk of the consequences, that were, as a rule, averted. The killing of the Smith brothers referred to in "Bill Cole's Last Drive" was an exception—one that had little effect in curtailing the number of applications for employment at the office of the Overland Mail Company.

As early as 1831, the town of Franklin, 150 miles west of St. Louis, was an outfitting point for the Santa Fe traders.

Wagons, drawn by oxen, were first used in 1829, by Major Riley, who, with three companies of infantry and one of riflemen, escorted the caravan as far as Choteau Island on the Arkansas. The train being attacked by Indians the escort continued with the caravan as far as Sand creek. The use of oxen by Major Riley was a surprise to plainsmen. The oxen stood the trip as well, if not better, than mules and after that time about half the freighters used oxen.

As early as 1831 Council Grove was used as an outfitting point by fur traders and emigrants to Oregon, though up to that time there was not a house west of Independence. The name—Council Grove—had its origin in the fact that in 1825 Messrs Reeves, Sibley and Mathers, commissioners appointed to establish and mark a road from Independence to Santa Fe, made a treaty with the Osages to gain their consent to the establishment of the road. The council was held in the Grove at the crossing of the Neosho. The caravans organized here by electing a captain, detailing guards, etc., for the protection of the caravan while passing through the hostile tribes of the plains, and the more dangerous hordes of robbers that preyed on unsuspecting outfits at will.

In 1843, large escorts, under Capt. Philip St. George Cook accompanied the caravans as far as the Arkansas river.

An item from "Annals of the Great Western Plains" is deserving of a place here. "In 1857, 9,884 wagons left Kansas City for New Mexico. Now, if these wagons were all in one train, they would make a caravan 223 miles long, with 98,840 mules and oxen, and freighting an amount of merchandise equal to 59,304,000 lbs."

As fully as many wagons were outfitted at Leavenworth, Inde-

pendence and other points the above figures represent not more than half the traffic passing over the old trail.

Among the items of traffic received at Kansas City that year was one of 50,000 buffalo robes.

Another item in the "Annals" says: "As early as 1840 it was not uncommon, on the arrival of Mackinaw boats, to see as many as 300 or 400 men on the levee (at Kansas City) at one time, and all of them buying more or less from the traders."

Among other items of trade were rings that cost ten cents in St. Louis and sold to the Indians for five or six dollars. In view of these prices there need be no cause for wonder at the fabulous fortunes piled up by the Astors.

Among the landmarks of the Old Trail not yet obliterated is an old log house on Bluff creek, twelve miles east of Council Grove—made memorable as the home of the noted guerilla, Bill Anderson. In 1862, Bill was a harmless youth, to all appearances at least. He was a regular attendant at the neighborhood debates* and spelling schools, taking a part, with other young men, in the vicinity of his old home. Bill's first trip, and we believe his last, across the plains, was with Parker's mule train, just before the civil war. On this trip Bill became an expert at pistol practice, affected broad-brimmed hats and in a few months cast his lot with Quantrill; was at the sacking of Lawrence and on the night of July 3, 1862, burned Baker's stone house at the Santa Fe crossing of Rock creek, shooting Baker as he attempted to escape through the cellar window. Bill celebrated the 4th the following morning by shooting 36 holes through the front door of the old stage station at Elm creek—then occupied by Henry Jacobi. The bed in which two children slept was filled with lead but the little ones were unharmed.

*At one of these debates (so deeply impressed on memory's tablet, as never to be effaced), in which Bill took part in January, 1862, held at Charley Withington's, at the crossing of 142 creek, the writer had the honor of acting as secretary. As we remember it a handsome Miss "Muller"—and as worthy and accomplished as handsome—presided as one of the judges. If the "Judge" failed, through fickleness, or from dilatory uncertainty, to make hay while the sun shone so brightly it is safe to say that as he looks regretfully down the long vista of years his eyes are never so bedimmed that he is unable to see the application of Whittier's truthful lines: "It might have been."

As to Bill Anderson (in his boyhood days he was known by no other name than Bill): Mild in manner and timid in speech, as one might have observed him that evening, Bill was a study. Tall and straight as an Indian, with his light blue eyes and jet black hair—long and flowing, one can hardly realize that within one short year, with bridle reins in his teeth and a revolver in either hand, Bill Anderson could be transformed into a living exemplification of Sherman's truism that "war is hell."

Santa Fe was the Mecca of boys living on the border in the sixties desirous of graduating in plaincraft. This city has the honor of being the oldest town but one in the United States. At the time my father was agent for the Mail company Santa Fe was the western terminus of the line. It is the capital of New Mexico now as it was then. It boasts of some fine buildings but a large majority of the residences are built of adobe. Many wealthy families are located here, having grown rich in the mining, ranching or mercantile business—being the proprietors of many of the trains that in the early days hauled all their merchandise from points on the Missouri river on the great thoroughfare passing through Wabaunsee county.

While many of the families residing here were fabulously rich the worldly possessions of the great majority is a matter of but little concern to the tax collector and but little more perhaps to the average Mexican, provided he is of the "Greaser" class and the average Mexican is always a "Greaser."

Give the Greaser a serapa (Mexican blanket), a burro (donkey) and a few rich relations on his visiting list and he is independent. Add to these possessions a horse, saddle, a huge pair of spurs, and a broad-brimmed hat, and he is monarch, in a literal sense, of all he surveys; and, in many instances, of all he can lay his hands on.

The Greaser's dream of happiness is to marry some rich man's daughter that he may live at his ease—and, at the expense of his wife's relations. Failing in this he is content to become an outlaw, and firm in the belief that the world owes him a living he starts out to look it up. As to whether it is to be found at the gambling table, or at the end of a lasso, it is immaterial to him.

But these remarks refer only to the reckless class whom the fates ordained should be born in New Mexico. Rowdies with the self-same characteristics are not peculiar to that latitude, to the climate, or to the people.

Though Santa Fe was the terminal point of the mail line from Independence the trail over which the thousands of tons of freight were hauled extended far down the Rio Grande and beyond into old Mexico.

On the lower Rio Grande is another "Jornada del Muerto"—an arid waste of sand and cactus, interspersed with sage-brush and some dwarfed mesquite. There are no trees and yet the arid plain is not destitute of fuel. A species of cactus fifteen feet in height and thick as a man's body is found here. This and the sage-brush is utilized as a substitute for the more solid woods abounding in the mountains.

Then, there is the mesquite, the greater part of which, grows under ground. In the past, when we were told that on the arid plains of New Mexico wood was obtained by digging, we concluded that the

narration would make a fitting appendix to the stories of Munchausen, but such is a fact.

Prior to the advent of the railroad, nearly all the fuel used by the troops at Fort Craig, on the Lower Rio Grande, was nothing more nor less than the roots of the mesquite—a small bush furnishing as much as a cord of wood. These roots are very easily dug from the sandy soil and are less crooked than much of the pinon and other scrubby timber growing in the foot-hills.

Though in a dry time the stretch of arid plain without water lies between terminal points ninety miles apart there are occasional rains or downpours that fill up the holes along the route across the Jornada.

At the Point of Rocks was one of these holes at which water was occasionally found after a hard rain. The place is what the name indicates—a rough, jagged promontory, not very high above the surrounding country, but conspicuous by reason of its altitude above the surrounding plains. Here, the dust-begrimed traveler was supplied with a fair quality of water with which to quench his thirst after his weary march.

In times past, the weary traveler looked forward to his arrival at this point on his route with feelings of joy, mingled with a dread that could not be shaken off. Though almost famished, he hardly dared approach the water holes for fear that the draught, though refreshing, might be his last. He feared that his stooping to drink might be the signal for the launching of a shower of arrows sent on their deadly errand by a score of Indians that might lay concealed behind the boulders.

Many a lone expressman or mail carrier met his death at the hands of the treacherous Apaches at the Point of Rocks.

But connected with the history of the old trail are hundreds of horrifying incidents for which the Indian is in nowise responsible. Just beyond the point where the old trail emerged from the mountains at the foot of Raton pass was a little clump of willows where in 1868 an American miner encamped for the last time. He was on his way to the "States," doubtless anticipating the many pleasures in store for him at the old homestead. There was no railroad then and he could not afford the luxury of a ride in the mail coach at twenty-five cents a mile. To his mind it would be extravagant to expend for stage fare, at the rate of \$25 per day, money that had been earned by hard work at perhaps a half a hundred per month.

Purchasing a burro, he started with his camping outfit for home. He had saved considerable money and for this, probably, he was waylaid and murdered. His body was found, wrapped in his blankets and cast away in the willows—another victim whose murder is unavenged. Thirty-four years have gone by and mayhap loving friends are yet

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MEXICAN BURROS CARRYING WOOD.



IN THE TURKEY MOUNTAINS.
On the old Santa Fe trail.

listening for the footsteps of him who will never come. But a city (Raton) now occupies the spot and long ago neighboring church bells have tolled the requiem of the departed spirit of the victim of the assassin's treachery.

Less than a day's drive from this point the old trail crossed the Cimarron, just as it emerges from the mountains. Here, lived Lucien B. Maxwell, a Frenchman, one of the Fremont party, who, with Kit Carson, and several other members, settled in New Mexico, married Spanish women, and thereby came into possession of princely fortunes. Maxwell's possessions exceeded in area several counties as large as our own. Though autocratic, the old guide and ranchman was generous to a fault. His will was the only law recognized by the hundreds of Indians and Mexicans who looked to him for employment, and—protection.

A one-company post was at one time established within a stone's throw of Maxwell's home, but certainly not by reason of any concern that might be felt for the safety of himself or his people. The whole Ute tribe was as absolutely under his control as is an obedient child to its mother. Then, the Mexicans about the place were always sufficiently numerous to guarantee immunity from the depredations of any marauding bands of plains Indians.

Separated by an adobe wall from the Maxwell home stands a two-story hotel of seventy rooms—Lambert's Hotel—that would be a credit to any city. Though the walls are of adobe you would never suspect it—they being plastered and penciled in imitation of stone and the iron caps over the windows with the heavy iron cornice above gives the building an appearance that inspires the question—how came it here? Look for the answer in the turbid waters of the Cimarron—made turbid by the miners washing for gold. Here the miners would spend their winters and with the vanishing snows on the range they would return to the diggings—wiser, maybe, but penniless.

Though a number of the rooms are now unused the handsome carpets and furnishings of others are indicative of the luxurious tastes of the man who built the hotel—Mr. Lambert.

But Lambert's bar-room has a record. Though built in 1871 no less than 25 men have died with their boots on in front of Lambert's bar. A flash of steel or a shot and another score was settled—another grudge wiped out.

One wouldn't think that the quiet, thin-faced Frenchman who today attends personally to the comfort of his guests at the Hotel Lambert had, in the years gone by, with a nerve just as cool, and a face just as calm, witnessed time and again, in his own house, scenes that would rival those of the French revolution. In the days prior to the advent of the railroad Lambert's bar-room, a score of times, pre-

sented more the appearance of a slaughter-pen than of a hotel of Metropolitan pretensions. But the tourist who today comes in contact with the proprietor of the only hotel at the old historic ranch sees only the genial host in Mr. Lambert, the friend and companion of Maxwell.

While making a trip over the Santa Fe trail in 1867 two of our teamsters met with a narrow escape from the Indians that may be of especial interest to all "tenderfeet" who may pass that way—on the cars.

The name of one of them was Schaffer, a young Jew, who had taken advantage of the high wages paid at the time (on account of the Indian hostilities) to raise the funds necessary to get a start in the wool business. The air castles he was continually building with reference to the profits he hoped to realize in his proposed wool speculation fixed upon him the sobriquet of "Wool Dealer." During the whole trip he was known by no other name, so by that name we will call him. One of the six mules composing Wool Dealer's team was remarkable for contrariness. The wool speculator had considerable difficulty in picking his team from the herd but this mule he claimed to know by his "general appearance." On this account that particular mule was dubbed: "General Appearance."

While encamped at Fort Dodge General Appearance, concluding, perhaps, that it was unwise to enter any farther into any wool speculations, resolved to follow the fortunes of his master no longer. At any rate, he started out over the hills north of the post, followed by Wool Dealer and a chosen companion. For three or four miles the boys followed the mule.

Then they espied in the distance what they supposed to be a band of Indians on the march—about 500 they thought. To be continually joked about the prospects of the wool trade was anything but desirable, but life in camp was preferable, by all odds, to the fate in store for them in case of capture by the Indians.

Rapidly taking in the situation the boys put spurs to their saddle mules and struck for camp. In a short time they left the formidable band of Indians far in the rear. The boys had got within about a mile of camp, and were congratulating themselves on their fortunate escape when a new danger presented itself.

Nearly in their front and just behind a little knoll, one of the boys (more scared than the other) saw four or five Indians trying to cut off their retreat. Galloping down a ravine, they followed the old trail into camp, without having been seen, as they supposed, by the straggling Indians.

The boys told the story of their narrow escape, and the facts being

communicated to General Brooke he sent out a squad of soldiers to reconnoitre.

In a short time the soldiers overtook the four or five "straggling Indians," whom they found to be scouts from the fort on their way to meet the rock train, hauling stone from the quarries on Saw-Log creek. The rock train proved to be what the boys had mistaken for the band of Indians on the march.

Wool Dealer and his companion never heard the last of their "Thrilling adventures among the Kiowas, or of "How we lost the old mule at Fort Dodge."

On our first trip to Santa Fe over the Old Trail we were impressed with the number of goats and burros to be seen everywhere. Back in the states a goat is a curiosity and a donkey more of a rarity than his bearded lordship.

Goats are sometimes kept about the barnyards of our eastern neighbors under the impression that their presence is desirable by reason of the possession on the part of the goat of peculiar disinfecting properties.

If there is any foundation in this, the country about the western terminus of the old trail should be, as it is, a healthful country, but it is doubtful about the goat being entitled to any part of the credit due for the fact. At any rate the two animals named are serviceable creatures and we are unable to see how their place could well be filled.

The goat is as essential to the welfare of our New Mexican neighbors as is the cow to the average Kansan. The ranchman without his herd of goats is an exception. The milk of cows is considered unhealthful as food for the human family and good for calves only. A Mexican, though the owner of fifty cows would not milk one of them, but would keep a herd of goats for the purpose of supplying the family with milk, cheese, etc. By the way, Goat's milk cheese, as an active agent in appeasing hunger is a product of no mean value, as the writer can testify from personal experience, and were we less willing to pander to our vitiated tastes, and more anxious to economize, so as to be enabled to live within our means we would follow the example set by our neighbors by keeping a few goats for the cheap food products with which they would provide us.

In other things besides the goat question is the example of our Mexican friends worthy of emulation—especially when we would view matters from an economical standpoint. A Kansas man must hitch a pair of big horses to a heavy lumber wagon to haul a load of wood, hay, or corn. If he finds it necessary to go to town for a few groceries, the same cumbersome wagon is called into requisition.

With the Mexican it is different. Should he find the wood supply getting short he mounts his burro and starts for the nearest timber.

In a short time he returns with the wood but if you are a tenderfoot you may wonder what has become of the donkey. If you are a close observer you may discover his long ears and diminutive legs in front and beneath a huge mountain of wood.

With a load of hay you would see as much of the burro as in the former case except the ears and legs as aforesaid. You would probably indulge in a little speculation as to what new motive power had been invented by the descendants of Montezuma.

If our Mexican friend desires to go on a visit to his wife's people (which he often does) he has only to drive up to the door his favorite donkey, and the carriage is in waiting. It is not unusual to see a whole family riding upon a single donkey. It might be well to state, however, that the families that are in the habit of riding upon one donkey do not consist of more than four or five persons, but it is safe to add that their combined weight, in many cases, exceeds that of the donkey on which they are riding.

If the head of the family finds it convenient to go on a long journey he invariably takes the donkey along—to ride when he is tired, for, when he is in a hurry, he invariably goes on foot—in a dog trot, driving the donkey before him. On such occasions the donkey is a great convenience, the driver can ride while he is resting.

One must admit that the donkey isn't handsome, but he possesses many good qualities that recommend him. He does not object to eating hay and a little corn or oats but such luxuries are the exception and not the rule. A few dry tufts of grass, and an occasional gunny-sack and he is content. His digestive organs are usually in good condition. It has been said that he can digest miners' overalls, rubber boots and stray fruit cans, but these statements are not well authenticated.

But taken all in all, the burro, as a faithful servant of man is worthy of mention. He is hardy, or he would not survive the treatment he receives. It is claimed that he is a small eater. He might eat more but his opportunities in this direction are not usually good. He is reputed to be long lived. This is doubtless true, at least the writer never having seen a dead burro is not prepared to refute the statement.

But of one thing he is assured, and that is that the burro is utilized in every possible way. The sheep herder carries his sack of meal from place to place on the back of his donkey. To the miner he is indispensable, carrying his provisions and prospecting outfit along precipices and over mountainous districts where a horse would not venture. He is well adapted to the work required of him; he is worthy of better treatment than he receives and is capable of serving man in

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MEXICAN OVEN AND ADOBE HOUSE.



GOAT CURIOSITY,
On the old Santa Fe Trail.

a wider field of action. Success to the burro and may we have more of him.

One of the many interesting land-marks of the western terminal point of the old Santa Fe trail is what is called the Pecos church, built more than 300 years ago by the Jesuit missionaries. The quaint carvings with which the edifice was once adorned are yet to be seen in many of the "casas" of the rancheros within a radius of many miles from the pile of debris that marks the site of the ancient edifice.

But more interesting still is Old Fort Barclay, twenty miles east of Las Vegas. The fort is built in the form of a square. At two of the corners, diagonally opposite, is a turret, or block house, the walls of which are perforated with holes, through which rifles may be, and often have been, thrust, to repel the attacks of marauding bands of Apaches, that were wont to make their visits more frequent than pleasant.

And that wasn't very long ago, either. This condition of things has existed for more than 300 years, and to this fact is due the quaint style of architecture peculiar to the country bordering on that part of the Santa Fe trail passing through New Mexico. The house of every ranchero is a fort. The home ranch is built in the form of a square with a court in the center. The roof is flat and the walls extending two feet above the roof furnish excellent means of defense against a hostile force.

What was once a necessity is now a custom and the "plaza" is the rule and not the exception in the style of building peculiar to the Mexican ranch.

Fort Barclay was for years the home of the proprietor of the Kroenig land grant. Mr. Kroenig was one of the scores of men, who, after their term of enlistment in the regular army had expired, had settled down in the land of the Aztec. He was an old friend and companion of Maxwell and Kit Carson, and like them, had been smitten by a fair Senorita, the charm of whose smile had weaned the soldier from a life on the tented field. Within the walls of Fort Barclay and for the time a member of the family of Don Julian Kroenig the writer of these lines had every reason to be assured that the placid old gentleman never regretted that the partner of his joys—and sorrows, maybe—was one of the daughters of Castile.

While domiciled here as a receiver of forage for the Quartermaster's department at Fort Union (in the winter of '68 and '69) our duties were not so pressing as to debar us the privilege of becoming thoroughly acquainted with the Mexican character and it is with pleasure that we are enabled to testify to the many good traits of this quaint people.

At a distance from the military posts, where the native population

has not been contaminated by adverse American influences, hospitality is a leading trait. Americans receive a hearty welcome at the hands of the better classes, and right here it might be said that some of the fair occupants of these Mexican homes have, time and again, taken a special interest in the welfare of their American cousins—teaching them to forget that back in the "States" bedimmed eyes awaited in vain their promised home-coming.

The language of the people is the Spanish. Although Ollendorph claims that the pure Castilian is spoken in but two provinces of Spain, it may be said that comparatively few provincialisms have crept into the language, considering the isolation of the people from the mother country, the intermingling of the race with the native tribes of Indians, and other natural causes.

Though it has been claimed by a number of the know-all family that the Spanish language, in its purity, is not spoken in New Mexico, one can rest assured that no fears need be entertained that should a native of the country be addressed in the Spanish language, that he will not comprehend the meaning of the words spoken.

The language is musical and flows from the lips in a way that adds much to the charm of conversation. Then, too, it is readily learned. There are many German residents in the country and their testimony is that the language can be mastered in half the time necessary to acquire equal familiarity with the English.

A little insight into the construction of the language will readily account for the facility with which it can be learned. For instance, the gender of nouns is, in many cases, indicated by the terminal letter—the letter "o" representing the masculine, and "a," the feminine gender. The following will illustrate our meaning:

Muchacho, boy,	Muchacha, girl,
Hermano, brother,	Hermana, sister,
Hijo, son.	Hija, daughter.

In other words the difference in gender is indicated by the primal letter, as padre, father, and madre, mother. In these words the similarity to the Latin language is recognized. This is further illustrated by a comparison of the Latin and Spanish numerals.

Latin	Spanish
1. Unus,	1. Uno,
2. Duo,	2. Dos,
3. Tres,	3. Tres,
4. Quatuor,	4. Cuatro,
5. Quinque,	5. Cinco,
6. Sex,	6. Seis,
7. Septem,	7. Siete,
8. Octo,	8. Ocho,
9. Novem,	9. Nueve,
10. Decem.	10. Diez.

From the above it is apparent that a person somewhat familiar with Latin will find the labor of acquiring a knowledge of the Spanish language materially lessened.

As to the time required to familiarize one's self with the language, that would depend, of course, on the degree of application with which the study is pursued, and the aptitude of the student. When one is thrown on his own resources, his perceptive faculties are quickened, and his memory is the better prepared to endure the tax made upon it. The writer can testify to the truth of this statement, having passed several weeks with the family of Don Vicente Romero, at La Cueva.

But one person on the ranch could speak a word of English. This was young Romero, who had received the benefit of a college education in the "States." Inasmuch as the greater part of his time was passed away from home, but little benefit was derived from his assistance in communicating with the native population.

But the result with reference to acquiring a knowledge of the language was very satisfactory. The fact that the phrase, "chili-con-carne" referred to a conglomerate mass of meat, gravy, and red pepper, with the latter ingredient largely in the majority, was learned at an early stage of the lingual development.

The words almuerzo, comida, and cena (breakfast, dinner, and supper) were learned by their association with the several occasions when all met around the family board to discuss the superiority of "chili-con-carne" over the commonplace American dish of ham and eggs.

But in the discussion let us not forget the more practical side of our subject lest by our digression our readers lose all interest in the Old Trail.

A government train consisted of 26 wagons, drawn by six mules each. The train was in charge of a wagon-master, and an assistant, with a cook and one or two extra hands—usually 30 men to a train. Each wagon was drawn by six mules or six yoke (12) of oxen. Wagons of private freighters were drawn by 10 or 12 mules each, or by from four to six yoke of cattle to the wagon.

Government mule trains made but one drive of from 25 to 30 miles a day—breaking camp at daylight and going into camp about 10 o'clock in the summer and about 4 o'clock in winter. With ox trains two drives were made—early in the morning and late in the afternoon—often extending far into the night. Winter trips were seldom made with government trains drawn by oxen, but contractors paid but little heed to the weather or season.

The animals were guarded day and night by from two to six men—more if a dry camp* was made, or stormy weather, or the presence of Indians deemed extreme caution necessary.

*In 1862, our train lost 50 head of cattle, while making a dry camp in the Cheyenne bottoms. Moving the wagons to Cow creek we spent

While passing through the Indian country—when attacks from the hostiles were feared the animals were kept in a corral formed by the wagons—in a circle—or were securely tied with halters or lariats.

To outfit a government mule train 160 mules were required, but for a train drawn by oxen there were 312 oxen and four mules.

Guards were detailed by the assistant wagon-master. It was also his duty to draw and distribute rations, assist in repairing such parts of wagons as might be broken through careless driving, stampedes, or imperfect timbers. Extra timbers and full kits of tools and a medicine chest formed a necessary auxiliary to every outfit.

However inclement the weather men on the plains were seldom sick from exposure. To be warmly clad was the rule and to be prepared to endure the hardships incident to a trip across the plains was one of the pre-requisites to employment. Though rough fare and a hard life were the rule there was a fascination about the Old Trail that tended to obliterate from memory's tablet the pleasures of the home fire-side—it requiring years of time to enable the victim of the hallucination to realize that that fascination was but a glittering bauble.

Though the Old Santa Fe Trail is of the past, the memories clustered about it are not all unpleasant. Let us cherish these as we would the many kind acts and pleasant incidents that cheer us on as we wend our way over that other Trail that leads to the Great Beyond.

three days looking for the strays. The few water holes along the creek were filled with turtles and while encamped here a band of twenty Cheyenne Indians came along and went prospecting for meat. In half an hour there were twenty pony loads of turtles on the banks of Cow creek but not a single turtle in that hole of water. The Indians would dive for the turtles and seldom missed. Failure to secure a turtle brought shouts of derision from the other Indians that induced renewed exertion and better luck—but not to the turtle. The Indians requesting permission for the use of our camp-fire to cook a terrapin found on the prairie we were treated to our first lesson in the preparation of terrapin à la Cheyenne. The terrapin was placed on its back before the fire and roasted alive. Without pepper or salt for seasoning the meal was devoured with seeming relish and the meat was so tender that neither knife nor fork was needed in the serving. Their hunger appeased the Cheyenne braves wrapped their catch of turtles in their blankets and, happy and contented, departed for their camp on the Arkansas.

NORE. Among the incidents of our visit to the Kiowa camp, near the mouth of the Pawnee (see page 207) was a sick call that was unique in our experience. Lying under a canopy of green boughs was the worst used up specimen of the Lo family I ever saw. The Indian had been gored by a wounded buffalo and if that Kiowa ever went on another hunt the medicine man that patched him up ought to be interviewed and the case reported in full for the benefit of the medical profession.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



REV. W. S. CROUCH,
Pastor Congregational Church, Maple Hill.



THE ELIOT CHURCH (CONGREGATIONAL), MAPLE HILL.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



REV. GEORGE KETTERING.



REV. R. M. TUNNELL.



REV. D. R. STEINER.



REV. JOHN SCOTT.

FORMER MINISTERS OF THE CONGREGATIONL CHURCH, ALMA.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



A BUNCH OF PRETTY SUNFLOWERS.
Grown at Alta Vista—1901.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



AT THE GERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATION, ALTA VISTA, 1901.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



REV. FATHER KAMP'S CONFIRMATION CLASS, 1899.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



REV. FATHER WIENER'S CONFIRMATION CLASS.

Paxico, 1899.

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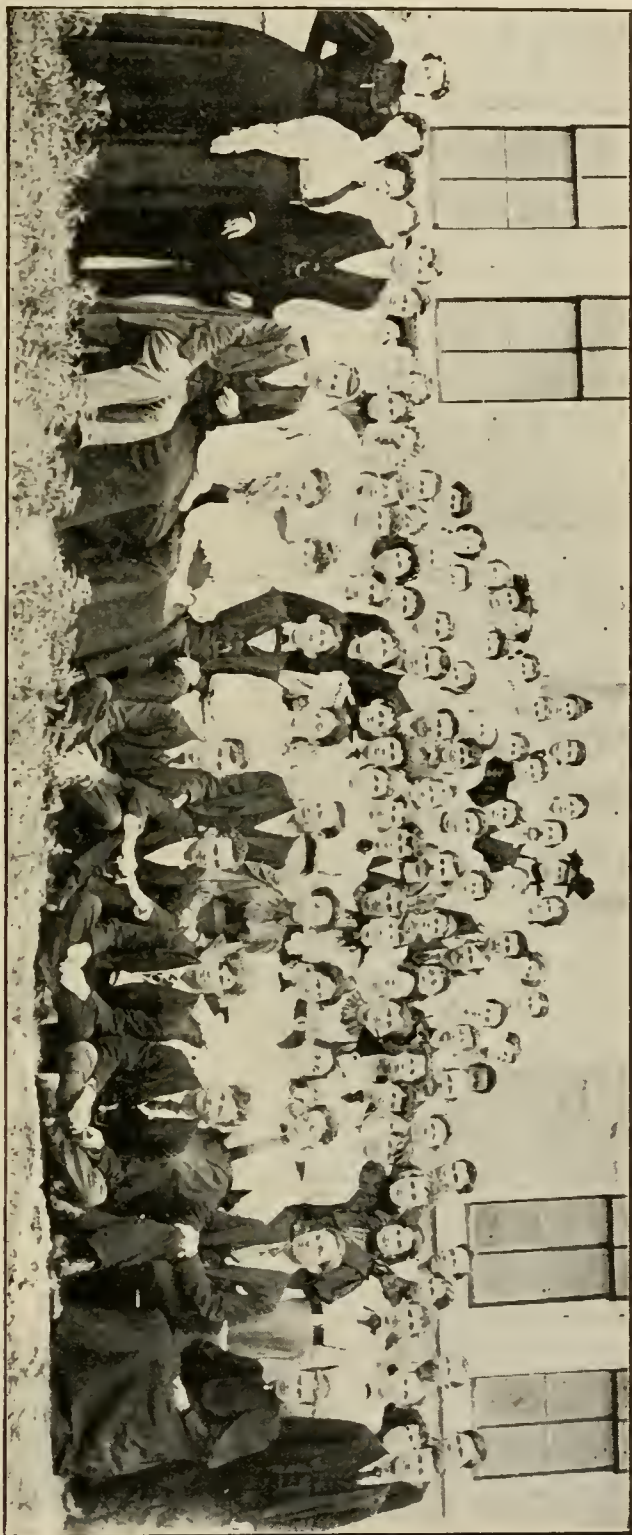


FLORAL SCENE AT THE HOME OF MR. S. H. FAIRFIELD, Alma.



REVEREND SCHMID'S CONFIRMATION CLASS, Lutheran Church, Alma.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



TEACHERS' INSTITUTE OF 1896, Alma.
Mr. C. C. Carter, County Superintendent.



TEACHERS' INSTITUTE OF 1897, ALMA.
Mr. Dow Busenbark, County Superintendent.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



TEACHERS' INSTITUTE OF 1901, ALMA.
Mr. T. J. Perry, County Superintendent.

MR. A. S. ALLENDORPH

Was born in Booneville, Mo., Oct. 17, 1867, coming to Kansas when a boy of ten years, his parents locating at Lawrence. Here he was educated—at the city High School and at the Kansas State University, taking a special course in civil engineering. Mr. Allendorph demonstrated his fitness for this position by two years of practical work on the Wyandotte & Northwestern, the terminal point at that time being Hastings, Neb.

Seeing a more inviting field in the cattle business Mr. Allendorph came to Wabaunsee county in 1888, leasing a large body of pasture lands, the lease to run five years and the stipulated price being the tax on the lands for that period.

By agreeing to drive the cattle from Douglas county and returning them in the fall 2,000 head at \$1.50 per head for the season were secured. The land was all open prairie but the second year seven sections were fenced and 4,000 head secured at \$1.75, the cattle being from the A. L. C. ranch, the property of the Acoma Land & Cattle Co., of New Mexico.

In 1890, the increase in the business necessitated the leasing of more pasture land and so great was the demand for pasturage that the firm of Allendorph & Co. found themselves compelled to provide for 16,000 head during a single pasturage season.

The fourth year others embarked in the business, renting lands at \$200 per section. In addition to being called the Switzerland of Kansas our county has gained a reputation throughout Western Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona for furnishing the best summer pasturage to be found anywhere—the best evidence being found in the fact that the price has advanced to the present average of \$3.50 per head for the season. When it is considered that but a few years ago these same lands would have been thought dear at \$3.00 per acre the magnitude of the cattle business of today may be readily surmised. So great has been the change that lands which a few years ago were considered valueless except for pasturage are now sought after for farming purposes at twenty five dollars per acre.

Mr. Allendorph having traveled extensively through the cattle ranges of the West and being thoroughly conversant with the conditions as they exist should be competent authority on questions affecting our county as a desirable range for the vast herds of cattle that are annually pastured within our limits. Mr. Allendorph's opinion is that Wabaunsee county is the garden spot of the world so far as cattle range is concerned.

That Mr. Allendorph's judgment is not at fault is in evidence in two notable instances; the first in fixing upon our county as a place of

residence and, second, in the choice of a helpmeet—Miss Mame I. Flinton, to whom he was happily married on June 18, 1891. Mr. Allendorph besides owning 5,080 acres of good land resides in one of the most pleasant homes in Alma. Coming here with nothing he has proven by his works that which he professes to believe—that Wabaunsee county, as a place of residence has no superior on earth.

MR. GEORGE W. THOMPSON (Dec'd)

Was born in Clark county, Ohio, Dec. 17, 1831, and in Feb., 1853, was joined in wedlock with Miss Sarah Herriott, of Union county, Ohio. To this union three children were born—Charles H., who so creditably filled the office of register of deeds, Mary, now Mrs. Josiah Hiner, and Elmer, now a resident of Manhattan.

For nearly a third of a century Mr. Thompson was a resident of Wabaunsee county, coming to Kansas in 1866, settling on the farm where he died on Tuesday morning, Oct. 18, 1898.

With an unsullied reputation, of sterling integrity and prompted by the purest and noblest impulses, no man enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his acquaintance to a greater degree than did the subject of this sketch.

With him the ties of kinship were sacred and the love of home and family were attributes that challenged comparison and commanded that admiration that invariably ripened into the warmest friendships that even that grim monster, Death, cannot sever.

Though not a politician, for more than twenty years the name of Mr. Geo. W. Thompson, as chairman of the democratic county committee, was familiar to the people of Wabaunsee county. And yet he was not a politician. No man would spurn the appellation more than he. With him it was: "Not as I desire, but as my party wills."

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. Richards, for four years pastor at Wabaunsee, assisted by Rev. S. H. Woodhull, the then resident minister.

Characteristic sentences that went home to the heart were: "Man lives to labor and dies to rest;" "We grieve because of the cruel hand of Death, but with God it is the coming home of his children."

MR. W. A. DOOLITTLE.

The subject of the following sketch is a native of New York but removed at an early age with his parents to the far west—settling in Illinois, removing thence to Wisconsin and afterwards to Iowa, acquiring such rudiments of an education as the scanty opportunities of the frontier afforded, going sometimes as far as six miles on foot to the

district school. On the breaking out of the war he enlisted and was mustered into Company K, 5th Iowa Infantry, July 15, 1861, and served with his regiment in the south and southwest, participating in the various battles and sieges in which his regiment was engaged until August 9, 1864, when he was mustered out at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Upon his return home he began the study of law with Blair & Brawson, attorneys, of Manchester, Iowa. In 1868 he came to Kansas, settling in this county, and was admitted to the bar in 1870, when court was held in the upper part of what is now known as the old Kaufman building. John T. Morton was the judge of the district court at that time, and Samuel R. Weed, clerk.

Mr. Doolittle held several positions of trust in Wabaunsee county, among others that of county attorney, to which he was several times elected. He was for years identified with the public schools, teaching at Alma, but the greater portion of the time he chose to teach in the country districts, where he could the better prepare himself for his chosen profession—that of the law.

By close study and constant application Mr. Doolittle became a thoroughly educated, well informed man, possessing the confidence and esteem of the people.

Although now a resident of Iowa, the greater part of his life was spent in Wabaunsee county, where Mr. Doolittle has left a host of friends and a record of which he may well be proud.

MR. B. BUCHLI, SR. (Dec'd)

Was born and raised in Switzerland. In his early days he received a thorough training in the excellent system of common schools in his native country, and afterwards took a full course of instruction in the higher branches and among others that of trigonometry and surveying at Schiers Seminary, graduating with honors. This is a school where normal methods are taught and the fact that Mr. Buchli held a life certificate to teach was an evidence that he was assiduous in his efforts to gain the topmost round of the ladder. According to national custom, Mr. Buchli served his allotted time in the Swiss army, holding, when his services were concluded, the rank of first lieutenant. In 1870 he came to Kansas; and after having lived five years on a homestead in Riley county, moved to Wabaunsee county. After coming to America Mr. Buchli resumed his former occupation of teaching and taught successfully some of the best schools in the county, among others, the schools at Halifax and Alma.

Mr. Buchli was elected county surveyor in 1891 and re-elected in 1893, dying in office but a few days prior to the close of his second term—leaving to an estimable family, as an heritage, a life spent in honest and conscientious endeavor—looking to the attainment of the highest ideals in the life here, and a peaceful haven of rest, beyond the grave, in the hereafter.

SAMUEL WELFELT

In 1892 was city marshal of Alma. Sam, besides upholding the dignity of the law, was the first incumbent in that office to wear a uniform of metropolitan pattern. Sam was also skilled in the art of woodcraft, furnishing proof of his prowess in the number of beaver and otter pelts, mink hides and skins of other wild animals, the presence of which in our county was hardly suspected until ocular proof rendered a denial out of the question. After a few months sojourn in the wilds of the Indian Territory, Sam moved with his family to the Pacific coast, where as captain and owner of the "Katie Thomas," he is making a fortune in the fishing industry.

H. J. PALENSKE

Was born September 10, 1860, in Richardson county, Kansas, now known as Wabaunsee county. Received a common school education. Was raised on a farm till he was 17 years old. He then came to Alma and worked a year for Kinne & Kerans, again returning to the farm for one year, after which he returned to town and held a position in the store of F. C. Simon, dealer in general merchandise, for two years. On March 20, 1891, Herman again returned to the farm. The following fall Mr. Palenske was elected sheriff of Wabaunsee county, entering upon the duties of this office January 11, 1902. At the close of his term he was re-elected, giving the people four years of honest and efficient service as sheriff.

Mr. Palenske was united in marriage to Miss Marion Ross, of Mission creek, on February 3, 1892.

Since the close of his second term of office as sheriff, Mr. Palenske has resided on his farm, one mile south of Alma, where contentment reigns in a happy home.

HIRAM WARD

Was born in Grayson county, Virginia, January 27, 1837. He was brought up on a farm, and in his early life had but few educational privileges, having attended school not to exceed 18 months altogether. There was no system of common schools in Virginia and subscription schools during the winters supplied but meagerly the wants of the people.

In the fall of 1857 Mr. Ward removed to Benton county, Arkansas, where he married and lived until November, 1862, when he came to

Kansas, locating at Tecumseh, Shawnee county. At that time his worldly possessions consisted of a horse and fifty cents in money. The condition of his finances compelled him to work on the farm or in the quarries as a day laborer.

When Lawrence was burned and her loyal citizens murdered he took an active part in organizing the Second Regiment of Kansas Reserves, being elected second lieutenant of Company C, and when called into service took an active part in the campaign on the border in 1864. He was a participant in the battle of the Blue under Curtis and Blunt.

In 1864, Mr. Ward moved to Osage county and engaged in stock raising, establishing the School Creek herd of Shorthorns.

For three years he was president of the Osage County Fair Association. For ten years he was engaged in the mercantile business, at Harveyville, where he died Nov 10, 1895, highly respected by all.

Mr. Ward was a liberal contributor to church organizations and all charitable enterprises. He was frank and courageous in his convictions and an earnest advocate of what he considered just and right.

J. H. JONES

Was born in Washington county, Virginia, February 27, 1828. Attended the common schools of the country until able to do farm work, when he was kept from school to work upon the farm, having mastered Websters's Elementary spelling book to the word immateriality. Could read by stopping to spell many of the words, could not write or compute with figures, beyond simple addition, subtraction and multiplication. At the age of 18 he prevailed on his father to send him to school. He went to a high school six months, and was again put to work on the farm and denied further school privileges. All his leisure moments on the farm were devoted to study in which he made such proficiency that at the age of 20 by permission of his father he taught public school. Before he arrived at the age of 21 was appointed deputy county surveyor of Smyth county, Virginia, and soon thereafter was elected county surveyor of the same county for a term of seven years.

During this time he devoted his spare hours to the study of law, his hours for study being from 9 p. m. to 3 a. m. He was admitted to the bar in 1855, coming to Kansas the same year.

The following year Mr. Jones was married. He was twice elected to the legislature, being a member of the House in 1863 and of the state Senate in 1865-6. In 1864 he was captain of a company of state militia, participating in the battle of the Blue, near Wesport, Missouri, in October.

From 1865 to 1868 Mr. Jones was engaged as civil engineer in the

location and construction of the U. P. Railway. In 1882 he was re-engaged in railway construction for the Union Pacific.

Mr. Jones became a resident of Wabaunsee county in 1880 and engaged in farming until 1890 when he was elected county attorney, being re-elected two years later, and elected county surveyor in 1897, in every case running ahead of his ticket and elected by good majorities.

Mr. Jones occupies an enviable place in the hearts of the people irrespective of party affiliations, and he has a host of warm friends who hope that he will again consent to serve them in the capacity of a public official.

D. U. MILLISON

Was born Nov. 10, 1862, at Council Grove, where his parents had lived for many years, his father being employed by the Government as blacksmith for the Kaw Indians.

The subject of this sketch was educated at the Council Grove High School, being a graduate of that institution. On Sept. 3, 1891, Mr. Millison was married to Miss Ida B. Wibert, of Andover, Ohio. Two children, David Oren, and Nellie Avilda, twins, were born to this union.

Mr. Millison is a school teacher by profession, having taught 15 terms in Wabaunsee county, 6 terms in Nebraska, and 1 term in West Virginia, while there on a visit. In 1898 he was elected trustee of Rock creek township and in Nov., 1899, register of deeds of Wabaunsee county, a position he now holds, the term being extended one year by legislative enactment.

When a child of six years, on July 3, 1868, Mr. Millison distinctly remembers being hustled into a large building with all the women and children, while all the available men of Council Grove and vicinity were in arms to repel a threatened attack from the Cheyenne Indians.

A painstaking official and an excellent penman, Mr. Millison bids fair to become his own successor in the office of register of deeds for Wabaunsee county.

T. S. SPIELMAN

Was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 22, 1844, and was educated in the public schools of that city. In 1860, removed to Washington county, Maryland. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union army, having joined the Baltimore battery of Light Artillery, under command of Captain Fred. W. Alexander, a prominent citizen of Baltimore.

He was discharged from the army on June 17, 1865, and was en-

gaged during his term of service mostly in the Shenandoah Valley and on the borders of Western Maryland. His battery was with Milroy at the battle of Winchester and with Wallace at the battle of Monocacy, and in several minor engagements in Virginia. After the close of the war he taught a public school near the Antietam battle ground, at Keedysville, Maryland.

In 1866 he returned to his native city, St. Louis, and in 1867 was appointed a messenger in the office of the assistant treasurer, U. S., remaining in that office until the summer of 1876, when he came to Wabaunsee, Kansas.

On July 1, 1884, he was appointed clerk of the district court by Hon. Judge John Martin to fill an unexpired term in said office. At the regular elections held in 1884, 1886 and 1888 he was elected on the Republican ticket clerk of the district court. In 1890 he was a candidate for re-election but was defeated together with all the nominees on the Republican ticket.

In October, 1892, he was appointed deputy county treasurer and served in the treasurer's office six years. At the regular elections in 1898 and 1900 he was elected probate judge.

Judge Spielman has been a member of the Congregational church for over twenty five years. As a public servant of the people he has performed the duties in a manner generally with satisfaction to the people. He has honestly endeavored to perform the trusts confided to him by the people in such a manner as to gain their confidence and support, and he has the friendship and good will of the people irrespective of political affiliations as their faithful and respected public servant.

C. M. ROSE

Was born in Onondaga county, New York, June 10, 1839, removing with his parents to Michigan when but four years of age. Came to Kansas in 1858, going to Eldorado where he worked in a saw mill, helping to saw the first boards and assisting in building the first house built of boards in Butler county.

Mr. Rose participated in some of the buffalo hunts of that season (1858) after which he returned to his home at Mendon, Mich., where he remained until August 5, 1863, when he enlisted in Co. K, 19th Michigan Infantry.

While serving with his regiment Mr. Rose was in some hot chases after Morgan; was at Fort Donaldson, Nashville, and Franklin; with Rosecranz at Chattanooga and Sherman at Atlanta. Was twice wounded—at Spring Hills, Tenn., and at Dallas, Ga., the wound he received at Dallas preventing his being with Sherman in his march to

the sea. Surrendered with his regiment, Col. Coburn, commanding, at Spring Hills, and sent to Libby prison, where, after 30 days, he was paroled and sent North. After recovering from wounds received at Dallas, he was on detached service, till the close of the war.

General Shafter was major of the regiment in which Mr. Rose enlisted—surrendering at Spring Hills to General Wheeler—who fought under Shafter at Santiago.

In 1873 Mr. Rose came to Alma, where he has since made his home, doing a thriving business in pumps and windmills, unusually hale and hearty at the age of 63 years.

FRED A. SEAMAN

Was born at Elmore, Portage county, Ohio, on August 16, 1866. He attended the Greenspring, Ohio, public schools for six years, graduating in May, 1884. After an attendance of two years at the Greenspring Academy Mr. Seaman came to Kansas, locating in Wabaunsee county, where he has since resided.

After teaching the Keene schools for three years, Mr. Seaman came to Alma, where he taught three terms, being principal of the Alma City schools two years. After another year as principal of the Eskridge schools, Mr. Seaman taught the home school on Mission creek (Dist. No. 4) for five consecutive years.

During this time, besides looking after the work of the farm Mr. Seaman spent his evenings in studying law, being admitted to the bar in May, 1899. In November, 1900, he was elected to the office of county attorney, the nomination coming to him without solicitation—it being a clear case of the office seeking the man.

On September 30, 1891, Mr. Seaman was happily married to Miss Ada Gillis, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gillis, of Mission creek. Subsequent to his marriage, Mr. Seaman took a post graduate course at Campbell University that he might the more satisfactorily—to himself, at least, fight the battle of life. That he will succeed is evidenced by his energetic and progressive spirit—made manifest in the performance of his duties as county attorney and as editor of the Alma Signal.

MRS. WALPURGE DAUM

Is kindly remembered by every old settler in the German settlements of the Mill creek valley. Her pleasant greeting insured a hearty welcome from her regular patrons who awaited her coming that their surplus stores of butter and eggs might be exchanged for the many things needed in the humble houses of the early pioneers. When it

was suggested to Photographer Bliss that he take her picture she insisted that it should look as natural as life and she straightway adjusted her pack for the occasion.

Inside the sack was a large tin vessel with compartments for butter and eggs that she took in exchange for the goods bought of Schmitz & Meyer, at that time the only merchants in Alma.

While on the farm on Loire creek, now owned by Mr. Frank Oehmann, the woman peddler supplied the good people of Alma with the best of fresh vegetables, invariably bringing her wares to town on foot. The supplies for the farm were carried as shown in the photo and whether the load consisted of a few bundles of dry goods or a hundred pound sack of flour there was no hesitation about making the trip.

After the death of her husband the woman peddler moved to Alma, occupying the little frame building between the Commercial House and Mr. Simon's store. But a fatal illness came on and the familiar face was seen no more by the thrifty housewives in the Mill creek valley.

A goodly sum had been laid up for a rainy day, and a handsome donation was left with Father Hundhausen for the benefit of the Catholic church, of which organization the woman peddler was a consistent member. Though long years have elapsed there are hundreds of good people living in the German settlements who will readily recognize, in the engraving, one who, nearly forty years ago, was a weekly and welcome visitor.

MR. WILLIAM DREBING (Dec'd)

Was born in Minden, Germany, in May, 1827, coming to America in 1845, at the opening of the Mexican war. With the ardor of youth, he being at that time in his 19th year, William enlisted in an infantry regiment but was later transferred to the artillery and participated in every important battle of the war.

The young recruit had the good fortune to be with General Taylor from the time the American forces took up their march from Point Isabel until the close of the campaign—crowned with the victory over Santa Anna at Buena Vista. In this engagement Mr. Drebing was wounded by a lance thrust through the shoulder. As he lay on the battlefield, weak from the loss of blood and stiffened by the cold (the night of February 23, 1847) the gallant young soldier was enabled to attest from personal observation that the foundation of Hon. Albert Pike's beautiful poem, "The Angels of Buena Vista," was not a myth. He was one of the many wounded whose thirst was quenched by the kind-hearted Mexican women, who knew neither friend nor foe in

their ministrations of mercy. Although severely wounded Mr. Drebing recovered in time to join General Scott in his memorable campaign from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico.

After the close of the war Mr. Drebing re-enlisted for three years, doing service in New Mexico. Being thoroughly conversant with the Spanish, as well as the English and German languages, he was after his release from army duties, employed by Northrup & Chick, wholesale merchants of Kansas City, as interpreter—necessary in their immense business with New Mexican freighters.

While a resident of Missouri, Mr. Drebing was united in marriage to Miss Mary Klein. After engaging in business for several years at Wesport, Missouri, he, in company with his father-in-law, Mr. Bertram Klein, Mr. Henry Schmitz and Mr. Joseph Treu, came to Kansas, settling on Mill creek in 1856.

During the Price raid in the civil war Mr. Drebing did service as a lieutenant, his company doing guard duty at the state capital until the threatened danger was past, after which all returned to their several homes to resume avocations of peace.

Mr. Drebing was a man with whom love of home and family and loyalty to friends were leading characteristics. The golden rule was his creed and to be guided by the right in all his dealings with his fellow-man was his constant endeavor.

At 11:30 on Tuesday night, June 27, 1899, the spirit was called home. William Drebing had lived 73 years, 1 month and 9 days. Revs. Silberman and Bernard conducted the funeral services at the family residence and one of the largest funeral processions ever seen in Wabaunsee county followed the remains to their last resting place in the Alma cemetery.

One of the kindest hearted men we ever knew had gone to rest.

NOTE. Mr. Drebing was the last survivor of the Mexican war, resident of Wabaunsee county. Two others, Mr. M. W. Rock and Mr. Samuel Cummings—now in Oklahoma—were both participants in the war with Mexico.

MRS. MARY LOUISA KLOCKMAN

Was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, on October 17, 1804, residing in the mother country till 1856, when, with her husband Mrs. Klockman came to America, landing at New Orleans in the fall of 1856. Coming over in the same ship were the Dieballs, Gongoll, Maike and Henry Palenske. In March, 1857, Mr. and Mrs. Klockman hired a Mexican to haul them to the Mill creek settlement. The Mexican dumped their goods out in the snow near Mr. Schewe's, and charged \$40 for the trip.

Across the ridge from their home lived Mr. Ed. Krapp, who kept a country store, and being away much of the time, as was Mr. Klockman, the two pioneer women passed many lonely days together. But they were not always lonely. The Indians called often and sometimes at unseasonable hours. One night a big Indian broke into the cellar and after helping himself to such things as suited him came upstairs and lay before the fire till morning. Mrs. Klockman came over and as big as the Indian was she bumped his nose against the lounge till the brave concluded the climate was too warm and left.

On another occasion an Indian called at the Krapp home while Mrs. Klockman was there and wanted to buy ten cents worth of children. Stepping on one of the little ones toes the little one cried, whereupon Mrs. Krapp knocked the Indian over with a broom stick and pushed him out of the back door. Mr. Gerlach's coming caused the Indian to leave. The Indian slept that night in Peter Thoes' pig pen, but next morning returned and tried to get in at a window. Mrs. Klockman pointed an old rusty gun at the Indian that hadn't been loaded for years but it had the desired effect—the Indian yelled: "Don't shoot" and ran away.

In 1864, while the Indians were having their war dances at the big spring Mr. and Mrs. Klockman slept in the timber and thought their time had come till Capt. Ed. Krapp went to their camp and induced them to return to their reservation. Mrs. Klockman says there were so many Indians that they were all day in passing.

After selling their farm to Mr. Heder, Mr. and Mrs. Klockman intended to pass their declining years on the farm but one night a man called and attempted to rob the worthy couple of the proceeds of the sale of the farm. But Mrs. Klockman by her presence of mind thwarted the would-be robber. He had tied his horse in the timber and slept in the hen house till two o'clock in the morning when he went to the house and broke open the door and demanded money—pointing a revolver at Mr. Klockman.

"Take the money" said Mrs. Klockman, "but don't shoot." During the parley Mr. Klockman had climbed to the attic. Mrs. Klockman soon followed, and, closing the trap door, called so loudly for help that all the dogs in the neighborhood set up a din that scared the would-be robber away.

The next day a man called to borrow money and was dumbfounded by Mrs. Klockman saying: "Why, you were here last night after money; why do you come again today?"

The incident resulted in these worthy people moving to Alma, since which time death has deprived Mrs. Klockman of her help-meet. Though refusing to give money to the robber the board of trustees of the Evangelical church can vouch for the good woman's generosity—

she having donated \$600 toward the purchase of the bell and the building of the spire.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Klockman is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Zeekser. Though in her 97th year she is hale and hearty and her mental faculties are not in the least impaired. Her store of pioneer incidents is inexhaustible and she heartily enjoys their recital.

P. P. SIMMONS.

We present our readers with a half-tone portrait of P. P. Simmons, a specialist in auctioneering, residing at Eskridge, Kansas, but at present temporarily doing insurance work in Atchison county. Mr. Simmons' appearance would indicate that he was of a happy disposition and lived in a healthful climate.

Mr. Simmons was born in Buchanan county, Missouri, on September 20, 1861, and moved with his parents to Platt county, Missouri, when three years of age. He lived there until the spring of 1880, then moved to Atchison county, Kansas. In the spring of 1883 he moved to Wabaunsee county, where he now resides. He commenced crying sales in the year 1886 in his neighborhood and vicinity. Five years ago he put his advertisement in the Wabaunsee county papers and he has made auctioneering a regular business ever since. He is also a member of the Kansas Auctioneers' association. He makes a specialty of high grades and thoroughbred cattle and hog sales.

But Mr. Simmons doesn't confine himself to the business of an auctioneer. He is a first class farmer and an all-around good fellow—just such a man as the people will be looking for in the not distant future to serve them in an official capacity. They could make no better selection.

H. G. LICHT

Was born in the city of Copenhagen, Denmark, and received his education in that city. At the age of 14 he was bound over to his uncle for five years for the purpose of learning the trade of painter, continuing with him for six years. At the age of 22 he arrived in the city of New York and there joined the Long-Shore Ship Painters association and had to serve again a short apprenticeship to become a full member.

He managed to live through his apprenticeship with his board and \$15 per week. He afterwards received \$3.50 a day and nine hours work; was member of this organization five years. In order to learn

the English language he attended night school in the city of New York.

A strike occurring in 1869, Mr. Licht's ideas and the association's did not agree and he came west to Topeka, Kansas. After stopping two years in Topeka he came to Wabaunsee county in the fall of 1871.

Mr. Licht was four times elected to the office of clerk of the district court and once as county clerk.

After retiring from public office he accepted a position as book-keeper in the Topeka sugar works and afterwards was transferred to the Attica works, which, unfortunately, made an assignment. Mr. Licht remained with the assignee about three months, when he returned to Alma.

For a number of years past Mr. Licht has made his home in Topeka. But the best part of his life has been spent in Wabaunsee county, among friends, who, on five different occasions, by their votes, have endorsed his official work in two of the best offices within the gift of the people.

C. E. SMITH, M. D.

Was born in Jersey county, Illinois, on October 4, 1865. Took a normal course at the Indiana State Normal at Valparaiso, Indiana, and after his graduation at that institution taught seven years in the schools of his native state. Took a course in medicine and surgery at the Louisville Medical college, of Louisville, Kentucky, graduating in the class of '93, also a post-graduate course at the Rush Medical college, of Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Smith came to Kansas in 1893, locating in Brown county, where, two years later he was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Small, of Hiawatha.

During his three years residence in Alma Dr. Smith has built up an excellent practice and the many difficult and complicated surgical operations performed under the Doctor's immediate supervision attest a thorough knowledge of his profession and insure a continuance of that success that has attended him during his residence among the people of Wabaunsee county.

JOHN T. KEAGY

Was born November 2, 1840, in Bedford county, Pennsylvania. Grew up on a farm. Enlisted as a private in Company D, 101st Regt. Penn. Volunteers. Was wounded at Fair Oaks, Virginia, May 31, 1862 and discharged on account of wound December 20, 1862. Read law at Bedford, Pennsylvania, and was admitted to the bar at Bedford in

February, 1865. After five years practice at Bedford, Mr. Keagy came West, locating at Alma in 1870.

In 1872 Mr. Keagy was elected county attorney, to which position he was re-elected two years later. In 1880 he was elected to the office of probate judge, serving the people four successive terms. In two of the four campaigns there was no opposing candidate.

Mr. Keagy's thorough knowledge of the law is recognized by his long continuance in the office of justice of the peace, a position to which the people, irrespective of party lines, have for years persisted in electing one of our oldest and most highly esteemed citizens.

No man in Wabaunsee county takes a greater interest in archaeological research than does Mr. Keagy, his collection of prehistoric curios furnishing ample proof of the statement. He is chairman of the executive committee of the Quivira Historical Society of which the Hon. J. V. Brower, of St. Paul, Minn., is president. The society is doing much towards unraveling the long hidden mysteries connected with the explorations of Coronado in 1541.

BARTHOLOMEW BUCHLI

Was born at Versan, Canton Grison, Switzerland, August 24, 1862. Came to Riley county, Kansas, with his parents in 1870, and to Wabaunsee county in 1876. Attended the common schools, after which he graduated at the Kansas State Agricultural college, class of '84, and at the Iowa State college, class of '86. Taught in the schools of Wabaunsee county for eight years and is now a member of the Alma school board.

Mr. Buchli was elected county clerk in 1897 and re-elected in 1899. He is a competent and painstaking official, and enjoys in an enviable degree the confidence of the people.

MR. HENRY SCHMITZ (Dec'd)

Was born in the village of Wahn, near Cologne, in Germany. The rebellion of 1848 found him a young man of 25 years, an active and leading participant in what he considered a just cause. But disaster followed and the persecutions in store for the adherents of the lost cause drove thousands of the participants to America. Among these came Mr. Schmitz, who landed in America in 1852. Four years later he came to Kansas, settling on the Klein farm, now owned by Mr. Charles Burgett.

In 1866, together with Mr. Joseph Tren, Dr. Brascbe, Ed. Krapp, G. Zwanziger and others organized the Alma Town company. The

firm of Schmitz & Meyer was established and for years conducted the largest business in Wabaunsee county.

Mr. Schmitz was foremost in every undertaking that gave promise of good to Alma. He was ever at the front, with his means and counsel, to build up the city. Though never seeking an office, he took an active part in party organization and for years the influence of no other resident of the county exceeded that wielded by Mr. Henry Schmitz—the conditions suggesting the sobriquet of “King Henry”—at first used in an ironical sense by his opponents—who in each succeeding campaign were furnished additional proof that the term was anything but a misnomer.

But in the privacy of his home—surrounded by his estimable family, the true worth, the characteristic traits, of one of our foremost citizens shone brightest. Here, with those in whom his affections were centered, he loved to pass his later years. Here, with reading and study, Uncle Henry stored his mature mind with knowledge, that, added to a long life of usefulness among his fellow men rendered his companionship more than usually enjoyable.

An eventful career was closed at his home, near Alma, on Friday, April 7, 1893, at the ripe age of 69 years, 10 months and 26 days. No other man in Wabaunsee county had so great a number of his fellow citizens bound to him by the ties of consanguinity. No one was more highly esteemed and the death of no individual in our midst could cause so wide a feeling of regret, such depth of sorrow, or create within the breasts of his fellows a more vivid realization of the transitory nature of all things earthly.

MR. MICHAEL HUND (Dec'd)

Was born in Baden, Germany, September 22, 1824. Eight years later the family came to America, first settling on a farm near St. Charles, Missouri. Here, in 1848, Mr. Hund was married to Miss Gertrude Borgmeyer, of St. Charles. Three children blessed this union—Mrs. Mary Guth, Moritz, and Michael Hund, Jr.

In 1855 the family moved to Mankato, Minnesota, but Mrs. Hund died before their destination was reached.

Mr. Hund was married a second time to Miss Otilda Peters, of St. Charles, Missouri, who still survives. To this union, six children were born, five of whom are now living, Joseph, Leo, Phillip, Mrs. Francis Meinhardt and Mrs. Theresa Glotzbach.

In 1872, Mr. Hund moved to Kansas, settling in Newbury township. His eight children are all married and with the exception of Leo, all reside in Newbury township—being, as was their father before them, leading and influential citizens.

By his upright conduct; by his forgiving spirit, and by his kindness of heart Mr. Hund gained for himself, in a marked degree, the esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Hund was a pioneer in the truest sense of the term—having lived in Minnesota at the time of the Spirit Lake massacre in 1862. The family lived in close proximity to the death-dealing Sioux—his farm being but a few miles distant from New Ulm, that was almost completely destroyed by the murderous Sioux in one of their raids in the fall of 1862.

Mr. Hund died at his home in Newbury township on Monday, June 27, 1898, honored and beloved by all.

P. L. WOODY

Was born May 4, 1833, at Dahlonega, Georgia, removing to Platte county, Missouri, in 1866, and to Kansas in 1870, locating on the Snokomo, where he still resides. Was married July 4, 1856, in Lumpkin county, Georgia, ten children being born to this union. Though by no means a politician, Mr. Woody has always had a voice in the councils of his party, attested by his familiar presence at state and county conventions. He has been treasurer of Newbury township and for eighteen years has been a member of the school board. He has always been active in church work and has availed himself of every opportunity to advance any good cause that gave promise of the betterment of his fellows.

MRS. ELIZA WOODY (Dec'd)

Was born January 6, 1833, in Hebersham county, Georgia, and died of pneumonia, at the family home on the Snokomo, on January 8, 1901. To make home happy was her constant endeavor: to minister to the sick and to care for the afflicted was with her a Christian duty—that when the Angel of Death should beckon, the spirit might find rest in that Home made without hands, eternal in the Heavens.

MR. JACOB HORNE (Dec'd)

Was born in Baden, Germany, July 8, 1837, but came to America with his parents when but an infant, being but a year old when the family first made their home in Chicago. In 1840, the family moved to Jamestown, Wisconsin, where Mr. Horne passed the greater part of his life.

In 1862, Mr. Horne was married to Miss Victoria Lang, of James-

town. Here, the five children, three sons and two daughters, were born. In 1883, the family came to Alma, where Mr. Horne died, on August 7, 1899, at the age of 62 years and 29 days.

Love of home and family were characteristic traits of one who was highly esteemed for his many good qualities of head and heart. With generosity and kindness the strong bond of friendship was cemented with the many who revere the memory of one who was always ready to lend a helping hand in the hour of need—of one to whom the hand seeking charity was never extended in vain.

MR. HERMAN SCHULTHEIS (Dec'd)

Was born at Neustadt, Hesse Cassel, Germany, on June 10, 1833, coming to America when a young man of 19 years, first locating at Cincinnati, where he learned the trade of harness maker; came to Osage county in 1857, taking a claim on the Wakarusa. In 1865, came to Wabaunsee county settling on the farm where he died on August 8, 1899, at the age of 66 years, 1 month, and 28 days.

In 1864, Mr. Schultheis was married to Miss Marguerite Ricker-shauser. To this union three daughters were born; Mrs. Henry Wertzberger, Mrs. Herman Wertzberger, and Mrs. Nick Thoes.

Generous to a fault, the soul of probity and honor, no man stood in higher esteem with his fellows than did Herman Schultheis. His word was as good as his bond, and a promise made by him was as sure of fulfillment as the rising of the morning's sun.

WATERS CHILLSON

Was born in the city of Rochester, N. Y., March 2, 1843, removing with his parents soon after to Oswego county, where he grew to manhood on a farm. In April, 1861, he enrolled as a member of Co. C, 24th New York infantry, serving two years, when he was discharged, but again enlisted—this time in Co. A, 24th N. Y. cavalry, where he remained till the close of the war. Was twice wounded—on June 18, 1864, and on April 5, 1865, being discharged from Hix hospital in Baltimore. In September, 1865, Mr. Chillson was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Gardner, of Pennsylvania, in which state he resided but a short time, when he returned to his old home in New York.

In 1866, Mr. Chillson moved to Michigan, where he opened up a farm, served the people as supervisor, sheriff (4 years), deputy sheriff, and marshal. Came to Kansas in '76, locating in Saline county, where he kept store and postoffice for 9 years, was trustee 7 years and during the time managed to cultivate 400 acres of land and raise a few cattle

and horses. He then came to Alma, bought the Commercial Hotel, kept store in the Odd Fellows building, speculated some in lands and patent rights, developed some valuable mining property in Oklahoma, and occasionally bobs up as a delegate to state and county conventions—just to let his friends and others know he is on earth—a fact they never fail to recognize. Has lots of friends and a few enemies. Is independent of the one and loyal to the other.

WYATT ROUSH

Was born near Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, on July 10, 1858, coming to Kansas with his parents in 1879. Enjoyed excellent educational privileges at the Hillsboro High School, supplementing his work here by a course in the Normal school at Carlisle, Kentucky.

For five years was engaged in teaching, two years in Ohio, and three, in Kansas. Was married on September 22, 1881, to Miss Martha A. Parmiter, three sons and two daughters being born to this union. Mr. Roush served the people of his home township (Plumb) five years as treasurer, and three years, as trustee. Was elected clerk of the district court in 1898, and re-elected in 1900. He is a capable official, and is conscientious in the performance of the duties of his office.

FRANZ MEIER

Was born in Mecklenburg Schwerin, on July 7, 1821, coming to America, landing at New York on July 13, 1846. Located first in Wisconsin, where he remained six years, when he went to St. Louis. Came to Kansas in 1854, locating on Pottawatomie creek, in Anderson county, where he lived during the troublous times in 1856. Helped bury the three Doyles, Will Sherman, and Nicholson, killed by John Brown and 15 others, on the 22nd of May, the same year. Was twice robbed by Jayhawkers in '56. The settlers took part on one side or the other, and robbed their nearest neighbors. Was one of the county commissioners of Anderson county when the county was organized. Since 1859 has been a resident of Wabaunsee county.

While residing in Wisconsin, Mr. Meier was married to Miss Augusta Stranze, on January 31, 1850, four children resulting from this union. While a student at college Mr. Meier took a course in civil engineering, the knowledge standing him in good stead in the early settlement of Kansas. He is an excellent draughtsman, a good penman, and though 81 years of age he appears twenty years younger. His kindness of heart, and genial manner make a favorable impression on all with whom he comes in contact.

ED. MANN

Was born on March 2, 1870, in Jefferson county, Kansas. Came to Wabaunsee county in 1881, living on a farm near Eskridge until 1895, when he came to Alma. When the President's call for volunteers was issued Ed went forth to battle for his country, enlisting in Co. G, of the 21st Kansas. Fought the hardest battle of his life in the malarial atmosphere in the military camp at Chickamauga, emerging from the conflict unscathed.

Mr. Mann is an expert jeweler; is always busy, and is ever earnest in his desire to please his patrons.

T. J. PERRY

Was born in North Carolina, April 20, 1868, his parents coming the following year to Kansas, locating in Chase county. Since his 19th year Mr. Perry has been identified with the work of teaching, first in Chase county, and since 1896 in Wabaunsee county. Was married August 25, 1892, to Miss Parthena Harrison, of Emporia, four children being born to this union. A thorough course of instruction in our excellent system of common schools has been supplemented by a business college course and at the State Normal school at Emporia. Mr. Perry is also taking correspondence work from Chicago University and Zaneriah Art College, of Columbus, Ohio.

In November, 1900, Mr. Perry was elected to the office of superintendent of schools for Wabaunsee county, which position he now holds. He is active and earnest in educational work, and is up-to-date in all that pertains to his chosen profession.

JOSEPH LaFONTAINE

Was born in Luxemburg, Belgium, on October 20, 1841, coming to America in 1857, locating in Brown county, Ohio, where, on October 23, 1862, he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Jacquet, three children, two sons and a daughter being born to this union. In 1877, Mr. LaFontaine came to Kansas—on the farm formerly owned by Dr. E. B. Allen, former secretary of state. Though never aspiring to office, Mr. LaFontaine has been twice elected trustee and for seven terms was elected to the office of treasurer of his home township—Wabaunsee.

Was elected treasurer of Wabaunsee county in 1899 and is the present incumbent in one of the most important offices in the gift of the people. Is a capable and efficient officer and enjoys in a high degree the confidence of his constituents.

GOTTLIEB NOLLER

Was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, March 20, 1856, coming to America in 1881. The following year was married to Miss Theresa Rebholz, of Cleveland, Ohio, to whom three sons were born. While in the Fatherland Mr. Noller served three years in the German army, being a corporal in the 29th Wurtemberg Artillery. Came to Kansas in 1884 and engaged in farming until 1897, when he took charge of the Hotel Paxico. After four years of success in the hotel business here Mr. Noller bought the Denver House at McFarland, where he is now running one of the best hotels in the county on up-to-date principles. Besides the hotel Mr. Noller owns 340 acres of good farming land. He is popular with the traveling public, with whom he has established a good reputation as a landlord.

H. B. CHANNELL

Was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, on November 15, 1848, coming with his parents to Kansas in 1857, when but nine years of age. the family locating in Nehama county. In 1890, Mr. Channell came to this county, settling on a good farm in Rock Creek township, where he now resides. On New Years day, 1869, was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Armstrong, of America City, Nemaha county. Three sons and two daughters, with their parents constitute the family in the Channell home. Besides farming Mr. Channell has followed the business of auctioneer since 1884. Is hail fellow, well met with the boys, and possesses the faculty of getting the full value of any property placed on sale in his hands—a fact proven by his constantly increasing patronage.

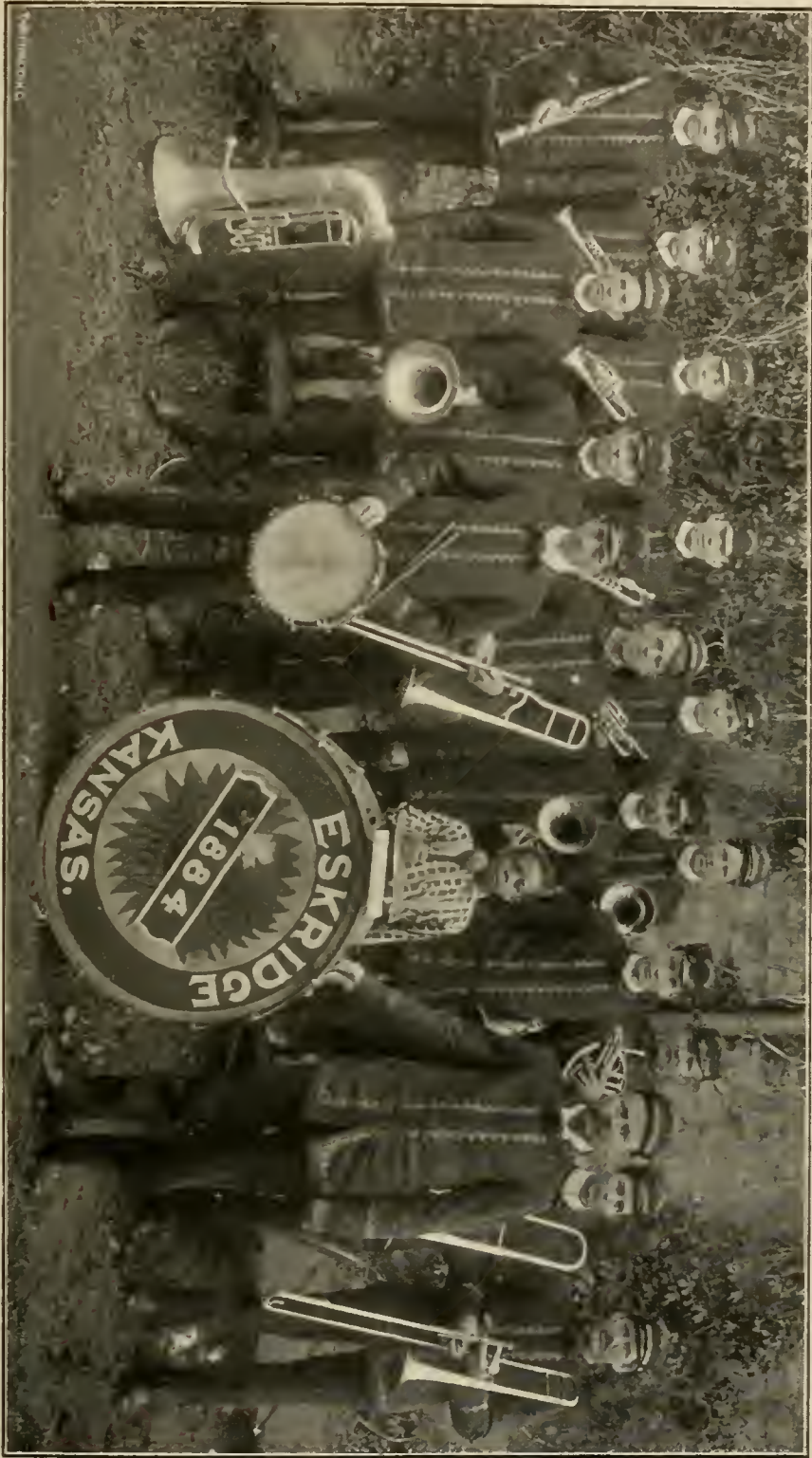
EDWARD A. KILIAN

Was born September 1, 1828, at Giessen. Grand Duchy of Hesse, Germany. Educated in public schools, Real and Polytechnic school, Darmstadt, and Normal school, at Friedburg. Came to the United States in consequence of participation in the Revolution of 1848, arriving in New York October 12, 1849. Taught school in Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas. In 1876-79 was assistant in the Museum of the Society of Natural Science, in Buffalo, N. Y. Came to Kansas in August, 1879, since which time he has resided in Alma. Was principal of the Alma schools three years and of the German-English Academy at Leavenworth one year. In 1884-85 did journalistic work on the Leavenworth Freie Presse. Enlisted June 14, 1861, in the 1st Missouri

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ALMA VOLUNTEER BAND.



ESKRIDGE CORNET BAND.

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NEWBURY PHILHARMONIC BAND, Organized 1883.

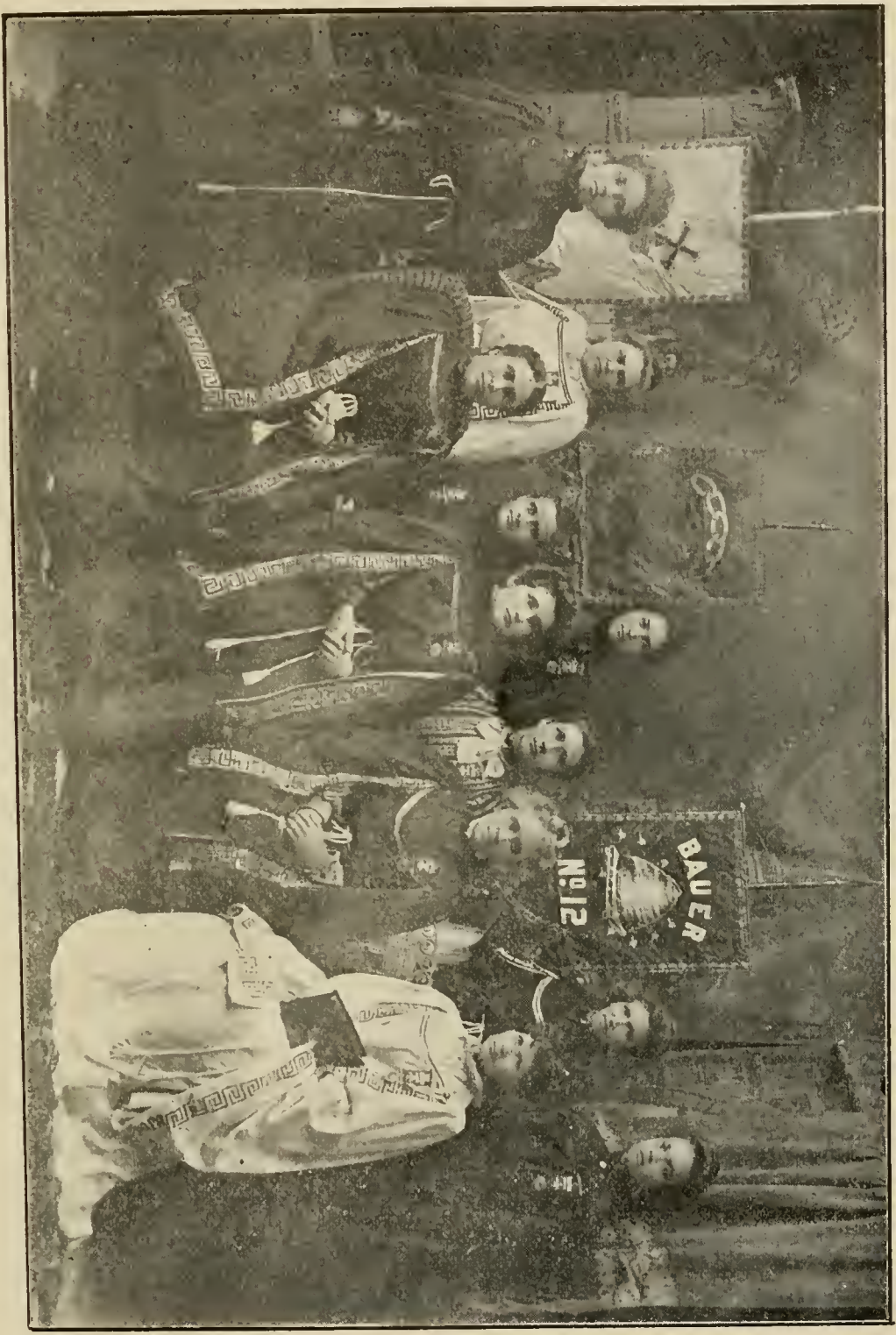
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THE ALMA VOLUNTEER BAND—1901.

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OFFICERS OF THE LADY MACCABEES. 1901.



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MR. HORACE ADAMS'S RESIDENCE AND ELEVATOR, Maple Hill.



WOODMAN TEAM, Harveyville.



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THE ALMA LIEDERKRANZ—GERMAN SINGING SOCIETY.

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TABLEAU AT CLOSE OF ALMA CITY SCHOOLS.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. HENRY RONNAU, Kaw Township.

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AN INTERESTING FAMILY—ALMA.



A FORMER POPULAR SHERIFF OUT SERVING A WRIT.

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GRADUATING CLASS, ESKRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, 1902.



A GROUP OF GOOD FELLOWS, Eskridge.

Light Artillery. Participated in the capture of Camp Jackson, in action at Booneville, Dug Spring, and Wilson's Creek, where he received severe wound in right arm. Discharged November 16, 1861, on account of wounds. In November, 1862, enlisted in Co. A, 17th Missouri Infantry; promoted to sergeant-major, and adjutant. Participated in Vicksburg and Atlanta campaigns. Discharged September 24, 1864.

Mr. Kilian has one of the best libraries in the county; is well versed in conchology and takes an active interest in historical and archaeological research. Has contributed quite a number of valued contributions to the magazines and literary journals—many of which have been highly appreciated by the reading public.

MARK SAGE

Was born in Somerset Shire, England, on April 28, 1836, came to Onondaga county, New York, in 1850, and to Dover, Kansas, in July, 1857. In 1863, freighted across the plains for the government with an ox team, hauling corn. In 1864 he built the stone house at the head of Mill creek on the Council Grove road, known as Copp's station. This was on the line of the Topeka and Council Grove mail route. The mail was carried in a canvas covered hack drawn by two horses, changing drivers and horses at the old station. John Copp had charge of the station several years until the mail route was discontinued, when he moved to Paxico. Mark has probably built more bridges and stone houses in Wabaunsee county than any other one man. Though not far from the three score and ten mark he is as stout as an ox and one of the most obliging men in the county. When he learned incidentally that we wanted the photo of the ugliest man in the county he sent his own as quick as he could get it in the mail. But we must admit that his is the handsomest picture for an ugly man to sit for we ever saw. While going through the world Mark believes in looking on the bright side and but few men can scatter more sunshine along life's pathway than Mark Sage.

NOTE. In February, 1868, a tragedy was enacted at the old Copp station that has no parallel in the history of Wabaunsee county. The station was dismantled then and the bare walls were anything but inviting. But while moving from Alma in March a nephew of W. H. Morrison's was prompted to take a look at the old station. In the deserted stable he was horrified to find the body of a man apparently dead for several weeks. Dr. Brasche was coroner then, John Pinkerton, sheriff, and Mr. W. H. Lyons, his deputy. Dr. Brasche held an inquest, Mr. Lyons securing the jury. The man's skull had been fractured in three places by blows from a heavy cattle-whip, Dr. Brasche giving it as his opinion that either one would have caused death. The mark of a heavy money belt was plainly visible about the body and the

man's pants were covered with white horse-hairs. About six weeks before two men had stopped at Mr. Sebring's, on Mill creek, stating that they were on their way to Texas to buy cattle. One of the men was riding a white horse. The next night a man leading a white horse stopped at Gideon Baughman's, on Elm creek. Mr. W. A. Doolittle was boarding at Baughman's, teaching school in the old log school house in the Sanner district (No. 13). Mr. Lyons buried the man just outside of the old stable. The weather was very cold and the man had wrapped about his feet pieces of an Atchison paper. In December, 1895, while in charge of the Taylor dry goods assignment Mr. Lyons was approached by a cattleman from Texas, who inquired if the dead body of a man had been found at Copp's station in 1868. On Mr. Lyons stating that he had buried the man murdered, the cattleman stated that in October a man had been hung in Texas for stealing cattle and on the scaffold had confessed to the murder of his employer at Copp's station in 1868. The ruins of the old station are plainly visible from the car window at the head of the Copp branch of Mill creek, two miles northwest of Eskridge. No inquiries were ever received of the young man who had left home with bright prospects before him—of making a fortune in the cattle business.

ANDREW BELL.

Robert Bell was a gardener and botanist of Dumfries Shire, Scotland, and Mrs. Bell was raised in one of the romantic glens of the highlands of Perth Shire. Mr. Bell, Sr. and wife came to America in 1849, settling in New York, and five years later came to Wisconsin, and to Kansas in 1878, where, ten years later, Mr. Bell, Sr. died, on July 24th. Mrs. Robert Bell then lived with her son till her death on February 6, 1899, when she died at the advanced age of 100 years.

Andrew, the only son, removed with his parents to Wisconsin when five years of age.

He was raised on the farm, receiving a common school education, supplemented by one term at an academy. When not engaged in farming worked at carpentry and blacksmithing. When of age he went to the Wisconsin pineries where he learned saw-milling and much about machinery. Came to Kansas in February, 1877, and in September was married to Miss Rebeka Heberlein. To this happy union four children were born, three of whom are now living. The two daughters, Lulu and Bertha, 20 and 17 years of age, respectively, are graduates of the St. Marys High School, and the son, Andrew, while but ten years of age, promises to be an expert mechanic, knowing more about the steam engine than the average person at sixty.

With the exception of two years in the grocery business at St. Marys and a short time in Flagstaff, Arizona, Mr. Bell has lived on his farm ever since coming to Kansas.

Mr. Bell runs his farm on up-to-date principles. Does mixed farming and has a large irrigating pump for use in dry seasons. He also

runs a large steam thresher and his shop is a model of convenience, being supplied with all kinds of blacksmith and carpenter's tools, lathe, and gasoline engine, enabling him to do all his machine repairing. From a financial standpoint Mr. Bell has made farming a success, having accumulated about \$20,000 as the result of industry and good management.

Has been elected four times trustee of Kaw township and is now serving the people as county commissioner, receiving, practically, the unanimous vote of his home township (Kaw), a deserved endorsement of one of our best and most popular citizens.

RUDOLPH ARNDT

Was born on April 21, 1829, at Koenigsburg, Prussia, coming to America and to Kansas in September, 1860, locating on the farm where he has since made his home. For years the Templin settlement was on the border in its truest sense. It was but a few miles to the Kaw reserve and that tribe being engaged in constant warfare with the Pawnees, Cheyennes, and Arapahoes the settlers lived in a state of apprehension by reason of possible raids from either the Kaws or the more hostile and aggressive tribes of the plains. The old stone fort (see page 113) was built in anticipation of one of these possible raids. Inasmuch as a war party of Cheyennes appeared in sight of Council Grove as late as 1868 it will be readily seen that the fears of the settlers about Templin were not entirely groundless. During the summer of that year while Mr. Adolph Zeckser was on a visit with friends at Templin he was surprised to find the Arndt home deserted. The doors were wide open but nobody at home. Nobody at home at Fetting's. But going to the Wolgast home the mystery was explained. The settlers had gathered together for protection from an expected raid. The men were all moulding bullets and the women were there to assist in case they could be of service. The old stone fort was still standing and here the settlers repaired when night came. The storm blew over but the Kaws at the Grove didn't get off without a fight. At the Grove, too, the women and children were hustled into the Mission building for protection. Three years later the smallpox left a trail of death in the Templin settlement, invading among other homes that of Mr. Arndt.

In the years gone by Rudolph's influence was always sought in the heat of political campaigns. Though never seeking office himself he was always ready to lend a helping hand to his friends. He is a man of influence with his neighbors, warm-hearted by nature and is ever anxious to welcome a friend beneath his hospitable roof.

S. E. HULL

Was born in Marion county, Ohio, on February 4, 1842. Was united in marriage to Miss Pheribee Martin, on December 27, 1866. Came to Kansas in the fall of 1877, locating on the farm he now owns, near Eskridge. On May 9, 1861, enlisted as a musician in Co. C, 26th Ohio Infantry, re-enlisting in January, 1864. Participated in engagements at Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Atlanta, Franklin, and thence to Texas, where he was mustered out at Victoria, in October, 1865, having served 4 years, 6 months, and 7 days. Mr. Hull was nine times elected trustee of Wilmington township and served the people two years as sheriff, showing himself to be a capable and efficient officer, having, during his term, been put to the most rigid tests by some of the slickest prisoners ever confined in the Alma jail. As a band leader he has few equals and no superior—the Alma Volunteer band furnishing an excellent example of what can be accomplished by skill, untiring energy, and persistent application. In June, 1901, Mr. Hull took charge of the New Commercial House in Alma and by his tact, good judgment, and genial manner has made his hotel one of the popular stopping places on the line of the Rock Island.

MICHAEL McWILLIAMS

Was born in County Derry, Ireland, on March 5, 1829, coming to America in May, 1854, and to Kansas in 1868, locating on the farm where he now resides. Was married February 22, 1876, to Miss Maria McDonald, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, at St. Marys, Kansas, three sons and a daughter coming to bless a pleasant home.

Besides "Pete and Henry"—Reding and Ronneau, Mr. McWilliams was the first white settler in what is now Kaw township. But he had plenty of neighbors—all Pottawatomies. Mr. McWilliams was for years one of the most influential men of Kaw township and though 73 years of age hasn't lost his interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of the people. Looks twenty years younger than is shown by the family record and is as spry as a man of fifty.

FREDERICK L. RAYMOND

Was born August 11, 1851, on a farm at Westboro, Worcester county, Massachusetts. After attending the town schools and the high school, he spent two years at Wesleyan Academy, at Wilbraham, Mass. After being employed two years in a wholesale canned goods

house in Boston came West and settled eleven miles northeast of Colorado Springs to try his luck with sheep. As the western terminus of the Santa Fe Railway at that time was at Granada (the west line of Kansas) and there was a stage ride of about 150 miles to Colorado Springs that made the country rather new to a New England boy the romance soon wore off. Having a chance to close out he drifted to Kansas, arriving at Wamego, May 31, 1874, and the next day drove down through the Mill creek valley, and soon located in Maple Hill township, where he has since resided. On the building of the Rock Island through the farm Mr. Raymond was instrumental in securing a flag station and postoffice that was named Vera. Mr. Raymond was elected county commissioner in 1880, and representative in the state legislature in 1884. Was a capable and popular official. Is happily married, has an interesting family, owns one of the best farms in the Mill creek valley, and in an enviable degree enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellows.

FRANZ SCHMIDT

Was born in Bayern, Germany, on January 27, 1824. Was married in May, 1850, to Miss Lidwina Eschay. Came to America in 1855, stopping for awhile at Covington, Kentucky, coming in the spring to Kansas, locating in the Mill creek valley just west of Alma. This was a new country then, game being plentiful everywhere—plenty of turkeys in the timber and the deer were so tame that they could frequently be seen feeding with the cattle. Mr. Schmidt has always been a generous contributor to the Catholic church, of which he has been a life-long and consistent member. Was made an honorary member of the Liederkrantz in recognition of generous concessions to the society, their handsome grounds being located on his holdings near the City of Alma. Mr. Schmidt owns a fine farm of 640 acres adjoining the townsite of Alma and his residence is one of the many handsome stone buildings for which Alma is noted.

ROBERT FIX

Was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1837, coming with his father, Michael Fix, to the farm, near Volland, in the fall of 1856. Enlisted July 1, 1861, in Co. D, 20th Indiana Infantry and re-enlisted July 12, 1865, in Co. K, the 7th, 14th, and 19th having been consolidated. Was sent to Fort Hatteras, but returned to Fortress Monroe in time to witness the engagement between the Monitor and the Merrimac. The regiment was encamped at Newport News, within 300 yards of where the Congress was burned and sunk and but

half a mile from where the Cumberland went down. Participated in the seven days fight, the campaign closing with the battle of Malvern Hill.

In 1865, Mr. Fix was married, in Indiana, to Miss Rebecca Larch. Besides the father and mother, eight handsome daughters compose the Fix family (see illustration); named from left to right, as follows: Mrs. Mamie Brasche, Mrs. Alice Cromer, Mrs. Lida Horne, Misses Pearl, Laura, Emma, Mabel, and Clara.

Mr. Fix owns a fine farm of 1,000 acres near Volland, besides much other property in Alma and Alta Vista, one of the handsomest country homes in the county (see illustration). Has served the people two years as county commissioner, making one of our county's most popular officials. His library is well supplied with the works of the best authors, as well as current literature of the day, enabling Mr. Fix to keep well posted on the issues before the people.

MARTIN MUCKENTHALER

Was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on January 2, 1825. In March, 1853, was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Eha. Left for America on March 4, 1854—was 52 days on the water. Located in Minnesota, where he lived fifteen years, thirty miles south of St. Paul. Came to Kansas in 1859, settling on the Pottawatomie reserve, that had a short time before been thrown open to settlement. To Mr. and Mrs. Muckenthaler were born fourteen children, eight of whom are still living. Mrs. Muckenthaler died November 13, 1890, since which time Mr. Muckenthaler has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Hesse.

Those who know Mr. Muckenthaler best will readily recognize in his portrait the kindly face of one of Wabaunsee county's best and leading citizens. Devout and consistent as a Christian, honorable and conscientious as a man, an obliging neighbor and a loving father, Mr. Muckenthaler occupies a warm place in the hearts of the people.

ALBERT FRANCIS THAYER

Was born in Boston, Massachusetts, September 4, 1840. His mother dying when he was but nine months old he was adopted by an uncle. Attended the public schools in Boston, graduating from the Dwight school at the age of fifteen and enrolled as a pupil of the English high school, but his brother induced him to accept a position in his grocery store, where he remained three years. Was manager and collector for the Equitable Safety Insurance Co. until 1862, when

he enlisted as a private in Co. E, 44th Mass. Volunteers. Was afterwards promoted to be 2nd sergeant. As a mark of appreciation the Insurance Co. presented him with \$300, coupled with the promise of his old position at the close of his enlistment—nine months. The promise was fulfilled to the letter and Mr. Thayer retained his position until by reason of severe marine losses the company was compelled to suspend business. After filling various positions of trust, among others that of secretary and treasurer of the Huron Copper Mining Co.; secretary of the Alabama & Chattanooga R. R. Co. (which company built the road from Chattanooga, Tenn., to New Orleans, La.); treasurer of the Boston Water Power Co., Mr. Thayer came to Kansas—first, on a visit that revealed the beauties of our state and created the desire to own a home in Kansas. The purchase of the fine farm of 320 acres in Maple Hill township was the result of that visit of Mr. and Mrs. Thayer to his wife's sister, Mrs. W. S. Crouch, of Maple Hill. Mr. Thayer moved with his family, in December, 1874, but after several years on the farm accepted a position with his old employers (at their urgent request) to take charge of the construction of 40 miles of the Fort Scott & Wichita R. R.—building, ironing, and equipping the road from Ft. Scott to Iola in less than 3 months. While on a visit to Boston was offered and accepted the position of private secretary to Hon. Thos. Nickerson, former president of the Santa Fe R. R., but at that time engaged in building the Atlantic and Pacific, the Sonora, Southern California, and Mexican Central lines of railroad. But with a few months of confinement came the desire to again breathe the free air of Kansas.

Mr. Thayer is well known in political circles, having served many times as chairman and secretary of Republican and Populist conventions. Has served the people of his home township—Maple Hill—one term as trustee, has filled the office of district clerk for over 20 years, and the position of superintendent of the Sunday school at the Eliot church, of Maple Hill, for three years, and treasurer of the church and cemetery for eight years, and is still one of the trustees of the church, having held the position many years. On December 10, 1867, Mr. Thayer was happily married to Miss Ellen Frances Cheney, of Newton, Mass. Four children were born to this union, two of whom are still living, Mrs. Eleanor T. Brett, and Mr. Ellis C. Thayer. Mr. Thayer is a man of honest convictions and an earnest advocate of what he believes to be right—the essential requisites of good citizenship.

M. W. JANES

Was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, July 22, 1841, but the greater part of his life prior to coming to Kansas was spent at Erie, Pennsylvania, the birthplace of his parents, and where many of his relatives resided. Attended the common schools until fourteen years of age, when he entered Allegheny College, at Meadville, Pa., where he remained two years, completing the course in mathematics. Mr. Barker was president of the faculty. Board was two dollars a week. There were but few "extras" on the bill of fare but plenty of "substantials." After a term at Bryant & Stratton's Mercantile College,* at Buffalo, N. Y., Mr. Janes accepted a position as bookkeeper for S. N. Scatcherd, an extensive lumber dealer in Buffalo. After one year with this firm returned to Erie, where he kept books for his father, who was extensively engaged in the lumber business all along the lakes. Enlisted in the first regiment raised at Erie under the three months call in 1861. Was appointed assistant commissary for the regiment, which was ordered to Pittsburg, where a large number of soldiers were encamped. Also acted as assistant commissary for the camp, under Major Derickson, of Meadville, Pa. Before the battle of Bull's Run the regiment was mustered out. Went to the oil country where his father had extensive interests. After remaining here for seven years came West, and, after looking at a good deal of country located in the northeast part of Wabaunsee county, and has never regretted his choice of location. Owns an excellent farm of 1,400 acres with a frontage of two miles on the Kaw river, with the best of water, soil, and timber. Is fifteen miles west of Topeka, on the Rock Island—near Willard—and three miles from Rossville, on the Union Pacific. Mr. Janes is an extensive raiser of Hereford cattle and trotting bred horses, many of which have made more than creditable records on the race courses in different parts of the country.

While not a politician, Mr. Janes has taken a keen interest in matters affecting the interests of the people, especially at such times as the conditions were out of joint. Has always been regarded as one of Wabaunsee county's leading citizens and is ever at the front in forwarding public enterprises.

*Mr. Spencer, father of the Spencerian System of Penmanship, was one of the instructors at this college and a great many times has sat by Mr. Janes' desk giving instructions in penmanship. Mr. Janes' penmanship, today, is an excellent endorsement of Mr. Spencer's work as an instructor.

J. J. MITCHELL

Was born in Jasper county, Illinois, on July 19, 1854. A good common school education was supplemented by a course at St. Joseph's College, at Teutopolis, Illinois. On April 12, 1874, was united in marriage, at Plainfield, Illinois, to Miss Hannah Bower, four children being born to this union—a daughter, Mrs. Lillie Piersol, of Paola, Kansas, and three sons—Dr. Eden E. Mitchell, of Alma, J. J. Mitchell, Jr., assistant postmaster at Eskridge, and Joseph, who is attending school.

Studied law in the office of Hon. Geo. W. Fithian, member of congress from Mr. Mitchell's home district. Was admitted to the bar in 1878, coming to Kansas two years later, locating at Eskridge—at that time the prospective county seat of Wabaunsee county.

Mr. Mitchell stands in the foremost rank of attorneys in Wabaunsee county and is one of our leading citizens. Has represented one side of nearly every important lawsuit since his residence in the county. Has never been beaten by reason of any defect in his pleadings—a fact that has assured his phenomenal success as a member of his chosen profession.

EDWARD KRAPP

Was a native of Solingen, Germany—born November 30, 1824. Landed at New Orleans, November 26, 1850. After one year on a farm near St. Louis, came to Westport landing, Kansas City. In November, 1853, was married to Miss Mary Thoes. Came to Wabaunsee county with his brothers-in-law, Peter and Joseph Thoes, arriving March 1, 1855. Built three log houses—one each week, on their claims four miles south of Alma. Hauled goods from Westport to Fort Riley for two years over the old Mormon Trail, passing through the south part of Wabaunsee county. Then started a store on the farm—the store, for several years, being one of the busiest places in the county. From 1866 to 1888 Mr. Krapp was one of our most energetic and successful cattle dealers. Moved to Alma in 1888 and ten years later disposed of his fine farm of 360 acres. During the war was captain of a militia company called to defend the capital when General Sterling Price threatened the invasion of the state. William Drebing and Joseph Treu were lieutenants in the same company. Dealt much with the Pottawatomie Indians and was a man of great influence with the chiefs of that nation. At one of the most critical periods of the early sixties came to the relief of the settlers by going to the Indian camp on South branch in company with Mr. William Ross, the agent, and inducing the Indians to return to their deserted villages on the reserve

(See illustration "Coming back to the Reservation"). No man in Wabaunsee county has been more closely identified with our early history than has Mr. Krapp. With willing hands and strong arms he assisted in laying the foundation on which the people have built a solid superstructure. He has ever been ready to help the needy—always a friend to the friendless. Though nearly four score years of an eventful life are behind him Mr. Krapp is yet in the enjoyment of his mental faculties and but for a terrible experience in a blizzard* on the old Mormon trail in 1856, would today present an example of hale and hearty manhood with few parallels to be found anywhere.

*Mr. Krapp's lower limbs were frozen while encamped on the head of the Wakarusa in a blizzard. So badly frozen as to be unable to wear his shoes he gave them to a friendless boy who accompanied him on the trip—freighting to Fort Riley.

L. J. WOODARD

Was born in Richmond, Ashtabula county, Ohio, on July 29, 1831. After attending the common schools in Richmond and Monroe, completed a high school course in a select school at Pierpont, Ohio. On October 23, 1850, was united in marriage to Sarah Delilah Davis, six children, four sons and two daughters, being born to this union—Havilah, Byron, Zora D, and John D. Woodard, and Mrs. Cora Clybourne, dec'd, and Mrs. C. Anderson.

In 1870, Mr. Woodard came to Kansas, locating near Beman, but came to Alta Vista on the completion of the Rock Island to that place. Was elected probate judge of Wabaunsee county in 1894 and re-elected in 1896, serving the people four years in one of the most responsible offices within the gift of the people. Since his retirement from office, Judge Woodard, and his estimable help-meet, are enjoying the fruits of a well spent life in one of the neatest and most pleasantly located homes in Alta Vista.

MR. AUGUST MEYER (Dec'd)

Was born at Brannswitz, Prussia, Germany, October 17, 1818, coming to America in 1848, locating in St. Louis, Missouri. Came to Kansas in 1860, first stopping at Havana, near Wilmington. Came to Alma in 1866. With Mr. Henry Schmitz opened the first store in Alma under the firm name of Schmitz & Meyer, in the lower story of the Kaufman building—our first court house. Was married September 9, 1870, to Miss Emilie Dieball. Died April 25, 1886, leaving three sons, Otto, Richard, and August. Mr. Meyer was Alma's first postmaster, being appointed in 1867, soon after Alma had been designated

as the county seat. Mr. Meyer, in conjunction with his business partner, Mr. Henry Schmitz, was ever active in advancing the interests of Alma. They had been instrumental in fixing upon the location; had erected the first buildings, and left nothing undone that would tend to promote the growth of the town. Mr. Meyer was a man of strong convictions and possessed a will power capable of ensuring acquiescence in such views as might be suggested by existing conditions. Was faithful as a friend, kind and indulgent as a husband and father, and to those with whom fortune had dealt unkindly was ever a friend in the hour of need.

JOHN C. HENDERSON

Was born March 29, 1833, at New Athens, Harrison county, Ohio. Was married at Peoria, Illinois, June 8, 1859, to Miss Agnes Russell, to whom three sons and a daughter were born—B. R., Charles B., and James R., and Miss Nellie Henderson. Came to Kansas in February, 1871, settling in Mission Creek township. Was elected register of deeds three successive terms, 1885, 1887, and 1889, a period of six years. During the civil war was enrolling officer until the re-organization of the 14th Illinois, when he was commissioned as first lieutenant of Co. G, of that regiment. Was attached to Scofield's division, joining Sherman after his famous march to the sea, at Goldsboro, North Carolina. After the close of the war was employed for seven years in the internal revenue service, filling the various positions of assistant assessor, storekeeper, gauger, and assistant inspector. Is extensively engaged, with his sons, in farming and mining investments, but for several years past has enjoyed life in his pleasant home in Alma—filling a warm place in the hearts of the people.

CHARLES C. GARDINER

Was born in Chenango county, New York, in October, 1834. Removed with his parents to Akron, Ohio, when seven years of age. After remaining here five years his parents returned to Rhode Island—their native state, where he grew to manhood. A thorough course of training in the common schools was followed by a higher course at Alfred Academy, in Jamestown, Rhode Island. Came to Kansas in May, 1859, pre-empting a quarter section four miles north of Burlingame. After working awhile at his trade—that of carpenter—at Lawrence, went to Jefferson City, where he was employed as foreman in a sash and blind factory. While here, in August, 1860, Mr. Gardiner was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Buffington, of Chester county, Pennsylvania, the ceremony performed being that in vogue by the

Friends, of which society Mrs. Gardiner was a life-long member. In 1865, Mr. Gardiner returned to Kansas and the following year bought a farm near Waveland, Shawnee county. Came to Wabaunsee county in 1884 and bought the farm of 1,500 acres since known as the Brightside farm, where he resided until 1896, when he retired from the active management of the place. On the Brightside farm are three dwelling houses, three large barns, a steam feed mill, cribs, stock sheds, granary, etc. The farm is well watered and has 17 miles of fence, 20 acres of orchard, and a number of acres of artificial timber, besides many acres of alfalfa. 400 head of cattle and from 200 to 300 head of hogs are, each year, kept on the place. That Mr. Gardiner has made farming a success is evidenced by the fact that the revenue from the products of the farm up to 1896 aggregated the sum of \$80,000.

The location of the station and postoffice at Bradford was largely due to Mr. Gardiner's efforts and influence. The building of the flouring mill—burned in 1899—and the establishment of a creamery resulted from Mr. Gardiner's efforts.

In 1854, the subject of this sketch united with the Congregational church, of which organization he has ever been a consistent member. Mr. Gardiner was the father of four children, two sons and two daughters, all of whom were educated at the State Agricultural College, at Manhattan.

JAMES R. HENDERSON

Was born September 10, 1866, at Peoria, Illinois. Came to Kansas with his parents when but five years of age, Mr. Henderson, Sr., settling on a farm in Mission Creek township. Taught school two terms, was deputy register of deeds five years and one year assistant cashier of the Alma State Bank. Was elected county clerk in 1893 and re-elected in 1895. In 1890 was special agent of the census bureau under Noble Prentiss—compiling mortgage statistics—his field being the counties of Shawnee, Morris, Greenwood, and Pratt. Continued with Mr. Prentiss until the close of the work at Newton, Mr. Henderson's methods and neat manuscript ensuring his retention in clerical work to the last—efficiency in this as in every other employment being characteristic of one of Wabaunsee county's most popular officials.

Mr. Henderson is one of the firm of Henderson Bros., abstracters and dealers in real estate. Are also heavy stockholders in the Wyoming Copper & Gold Mining Co., besides owning valuable mineral lands in the Arkansas lead and zinc fields.

On June 18, 1896, the subject of this sketch was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Crafts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crafts, of Alma. Little Ruth, aged four years, is the only child. The family resides in one of the coziest homes in Alma.

J. B. BARNES

Was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, June 20, 1846. Was educated at Canfield, and Poland, Ohio, being a graduate of Poland Academy. Read law in the office of Hon. S. W. Gilson, of Canfield. Was admitted to the bar in 1870 and in 1884 came to Wabaunsee county and two years later was elected county attorney. Was re-elected in 1888, and again elected in 1894. In criminal litigation as well as in civil practice Mr. Barnes has been successful in an eminent degree—the number of criminals sent to the penitentiary at Lansing through his efforts furnishing indubitable proof in the one case and the flattering increase in the number of his clients indicating his popularity as an attorney. Mr. Barnes has been mentioned as an available and possible candidate for the judgeship of this, the 35th judicial district. Though reluctant to make the race the people may yet present arguments so forcible as to insure his candidacy—and election.

DR. O. S. CHESTER

Was born at Fairfield, Jefferson county, Iowa, June 1, 1866. Was educated at the Des Moines High school, and the Iowa Wesleyan University, at Mt. Pleasant. Took a course in medicine at the Missouri Medical college, of St. Louis, supplemented by three courses at the Marion Sims college, of the same city, being a graduate of the latter institution—class of 1889. On September 8, 1891, was united in marriage at Tescot, Kansas, to Miss Myrtle S. Smith, three children being born to this union—Mahrea, Lynn, and Tillie Clair. Dr. Chester came to Wabaunsee county in December, 1898. Stands high in his profession, and in March, 1902, was appointed by Governor Stanley to the office of coroner of Wabaunsee county, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. H. F. Palenske, by reason of his removal to Arkansas. Dr. Chester filled the position of county health officer two successive terms, and during the visitation of smallpox gave evidence to the people of the wisdom of his appointment. For several years has been at the head of the Order of Maccabees in Alma—which, in itself, is a certificate of good standing among the people with whom Dr. Chester has cast his lot.

MR. HENRY RONNAU (Dec'd)

Was born in Schleswig Holstein, Germany, March 23, 1841. Came to America in 1866 and to Wabaunsee county in 1868, settling on the Pottawatomie reserve when first thrown open to settlement. Pete and Henry—Reding and Ronnau—took claims in what is now Kaw

township when their only neighbors were Indians, who had chosen the best lands for their allotments. On November 2, 1873, the subject of this sketch was united in marriage to Miss Frances Auer, to whom four sons were born—Frank, George, Fred, and Edward. On August 3, 1895, the subject of this sketch died at his home, in Kaw township, at the age of 54 years, 4 months, and 11 days. A kind husband and father had gone to rest. A good citizen, one of our early pioneers, had gone home to that better land beyond the grave.

HENRY FAUERBACH

Was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, September 14, 1833. Came to America with his parents, who settled in Monroe county, Illinois. Was raised here, getting his education behind the plow. Came to Kansas, first, in 1856, but went to Nebraska the same year. Was employed by Majors, Russell, and Waddell, who had the contract for freighting supplies to the military posts. Crossed the plains a number of times between the Missouri river and Salt Lake. In 1860, sought for golden treasures in the mountains of Colorado but found them not. Again tried freighting—this time on his own hook—between the Missouri river and the Rocky Mountains—on both the Platte and Santa Fe routes. On the last trip loaded at Lawrence—then the terminus of the Union Pacific railroad—for New Mexico. Was corraled by Indians on Cow creek for eight days, the incident being mentioned by Captain Inman in his book. Settled in Wabaunsee county in 1868, being one of the first white settlers on the Pottawatomie reserve, soon after the Indian lands were opened for settlement.

Has made a success of farming on one of the finest farms in the Mill creek valley. Follows up-to-date methods. Has raised a worthy family of sons and daughters, who have inherited a competence that includes the many good qualities of one of Wabaunsee county's leading citizens.

S. A. BALDWIN

Was born in Meriden, Connecticut, June 29, 1827. When but three years of age his parents moved to New Britain, Conn. Attended school here until sixteen years of age, when he accepted a position as clerk and bookkeeper for his uncle, J. G. Baldwin, in his store at Middletown. Remained with his uncle four years when he purchased an interest in a manufacturing concern located at Branford, Conn., having charge of the packing and shipping department. To better distribute the goods manufactured by the firm (locks of all descrip-

tions, door knobs, etc.) a store was opened in New York City, Mr. Baldwin taking charge. After two years here disposed of a part of his interest and came to Kansas as a member of the "Connecticut Colony," organized by Mr. C. B. Lines, of New Haven. The colony started early in the spring of 1856. The party outfitted at Kansas City, purchasing teams and supplies, and in due time arrived at Wabaunsee, near which place Mr. Baldwin has since resided. In the fall Mr. Baldwin returned East and was married to Miss Jane Augusta Barnes, of New Haven. In the spring of 1857 Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin came West and lived in a tent until the completion of their house.

Besides filling the office of township treasurer for seven years Mr. Baldwin was one of the trustees having in charge the building of the Wamego bridge across Kansas river, has served several years as deputy clerk of the district court, was twice elected register of deeds—1863 and 1865; was appointed county clerk on the death of Mr. H. M. Selden, in July, 1865, and served two terms as a member of the state legislature—faithful service in these several offices of trust securing for one of our oldest and most highly respected citizens an enviable place in the esteem of his constituents.

ROBERT SIMMONS

Was born August 10, 1845, in St. Louis, Missouri. Moved with his parents to Illinois in the early fifties. Was married in 1874 to Miss Caroline A. Blaksley, of Crystal Lake, Henry county, Illinois. Came to Kansas in 1879, locating at Eskridge, where the family has since resided. During the war enlisted in Co. G, 17th Illinois Cavalry, and now holds the position of Adjutant of W. H. Earl Post, No. 75. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons are estimable people. Their only daughter, Miss Josie May, is a young lady of rare accomplishments—one of the graduates of the Eskridge schools, class of 1892. See illustration.

L. M. CHRISTY

Was born at Leetonia, Ohio, April 6, 1873. Came with his parents to Kansas in 1879. Was educated in the public schools of Manhattan. Learned the printer's trade and has mastered the most intricate problems that confront the progressive printer. Was for three years foreman of the Alma Signal office and for a year past has been foreman of the Eskridge Star. In the battle of life Mr. Christy has set an example worthy of emulation—especially to young men thrown on their own resources. On April 23, 1902, Mr. Christy was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Paige, an accomplished young lady of Eskridge.

GEORGE SUTHERLAND

Was born in Marshall, Michigan, July 27, 1861, removing with his parents to Minnesota when but six years of age. Came to Kansas in 1871, his parents locating in Franklin county. In 1878 Mr. Sutherland came to Alma, where he learned the trade of saddler and harness maker with Mr. Henry Pippert. In September, 1883, was united in marriage to Miss Augusta M. Wendland, six children, a son and five daughters, being born to this union. Mr. Sutherland is serving his fourth year as a member of the school board and his fifth term as mayor of Alma—the best of indications that he has the confidence of the people. Besides a substantial business house Mr. Sutherland owns one of the many handsome residences in Alma. See illustration.

JOHN SCHWANKE (Dec'd)

Was born in Prussia, Germany, January 6, 1835. Came to America when but 17 years of age. Three years later came to Kansas, locating on South Branch of Mill creek. On February 2, 1862, was married to Miss Wilhelmina Hankammer, ten children being born to this union, eight of whom are now living—Charles, William, Henry, Mrs. Achah Schreiber, Mrs. Emma Koch, Mrs. Clara Schreiber, and Misses Mary and Anne. Mr. Schwanke died on July 15, 1887.

Mr. Schwanke was one of the first settlers of Farmer township—then Alma township—and during his life was a man of much influence. In February, 1873, he was appointed postmaster at Moltke (Cobb), on the mail line from Alma to Council Grove, holding the office until it was discontinued by reason of a lack of patronage resulting from the building of the M. A. & B. Railway.

M. F. TRIVETT

Was born at Jefferson, Ashe county, North Carolina, July 10, 1845. The education received at Jefferson Academy was supplemented by a college course at Independence, Virginia. Received his first medical education at Jefferson, followed by a course of lectures at Newburn, North Carolina. Is also a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at St. Louis. After practicing one year at Elk Cross Roads, North Carolina, came West in 1874—driving overland. Was six months on the road. Was looking for a location and as his funds were exhausted concluded to stop—especially as the country in the vicinity of Eskridge seemed to possess all the requisites of an ideal home. Bought the Sam Waldo homestead, a half mile south of the "Corners,"

and engaged in farming in conjunction with the practice of his profession. Has been eminently successful as a physician. Was one of the organizers of the Eskridge State Bank and has ever since been a member of the board of directors and a heavy stockholder of the bank. Besides several fine farms, Dr. Trivett owns one of the many handsome homes in Eskridge and is ever at the front in advancing the material interests of the city—near which he located nearly thirty years ago and in which he built the first house.

MR W. D. DEANS (Dec'd)

Was born at Moscow, Illinois, October 12, 1826. Came to Alma in 1883, but kept a store at Albion Postoffice, near the present site of Alta Vista several years before moving to the county seat. Was county surveyor four terms and was again the nominee for that office when the end came. Was a member of the city council several years and was mayor of Alma at the time of his death, which occurred on October 10, 1897. Was also vice-president and one of the directors of of the Alma State Bank when Death called him from his earthly cares. Nine children survived him, six of whom lived in Kansas—Rev. John Deans, of Lyon county, David, for several years foreman of the Signal office, Oscar, one of our teachers, Charlie, living in Texas, Mrs. Mollie Riley, of Wichita, and Mrs. Ida Brady, of Manhattan. Mr. Deans was one of of Alma's most highly esteemed citizens—honored as few men have been honored and worthy of every honor bestowed upon him.

WILLIAM PROTHERO

Was born in Baltimore, Maryland, but lived several years near Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Emigrated to Rock River Valley, near Sterling, Illinois, in 1840. In 1859 was a delegate to the state convention, at Bloomington, Illinois, where John M. Palmer presided. Witnessed the organization of the Republican party in Illinois. Among the delegates present were Abraham Lincoln, Richard Yates, "Long John" Wentworth, and Colonel Bissell, who received the nomination as first republican candidate for governor. The convention put forward the name of Abraham Lincoln for U. S. Senator. The great debate between Lincoln and Douglas followed and resulted in the election of Lincoln to the presidency. For thirty-five years Mr. Prothero has made his home in Wilmington. For many years he has been elected and re-elected justice of the peace and is one of our leading citizens.

MR. JOHN COPP (Dec'd)

Was born at Steinheim, Province of Wurtemberg, Germany, December 31, 1832. Came to America with his uncle, John Copp, when but 16 years old, locating at Reading, Pennsylvania. Came to Kansas in 1856, and in the following year was married to Miss Mary Mauzenbrinck, whose parents pre-empted the land afterwards sold to Christian Wertzberger. Mr. Copp lived first on the Finney ranch, near Halifax, then at Copp's station, near Eskridge, on the Topeka and Council Grove mail route, but later at Paxico. In his day but few men in the county wielded greater influence. Was county commissioner from 1870 to 1872—a stormy period in our county's history. He was a man of firm convictions, warmly espoused the cause of his friends, and his few enemies always knew where to find him—always striking out from the shoulder, irrespective of consequences to himself as well as those arrayed against him in a cause he considered just and right. Mr. Copp died March 10, 1888, at San Diego, California, highly esteemed by all.

LARDNER J. McCRUMB

Was born in Mercer, now Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1843. Received as good educational advantages as the country afforded. Enlisted in the 83rd Pennsylvania Infantry on August 19, 1861. Discharged for disability March, 1863. Re-enlisted in June and participated in the Gettysburg campaign. Enlisted for the third time in February, 1864, in the 14th Pa. Cavalry, and mustered out at Fort Leavenworth in November, 1865. In March, 1870, was united in marriage to Miss Jennie A. Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barker, of Mission creek. Besides farming, Mr. McCrumb has made a specialty of the best breeds of horses, meeting with financial success in whatever he has undertaken. Has also been successful from a political standpoint, having been elected representative in 1878, and re-elected in 1880. Is president of the Alma National Bank, and resides in one of the prettiest homes in the Mill creek valley, one and a half miles east of McFarland.

JOHN LUDWIG SCHEPP

Was born on a farm near Manhattan, October 29, 1867, but has lived in Wabaunsee county the greater part of his life—on Illinois creek, or the Muehlenbacher branch of Mill creek, where his mother owns 2,000 acres of the best land in Wabaunsee county, besides 920

acres in Lyon county. 350 acres of this land is in a high state of cultivation and 2,000 acres is the best of pasture, on which 1,500 head of cattle range, in addition to 300 head belonging on the farm. The balance is covered with the finest growth of timber in Wabaunsee county. "Louie," as he is always called, lives with his mother in one of the three large stone houses on the farm, deals largely in cattle, and is one of the shrewdest business men in the county. Is always ready to accommodate a friend with a loan at reasonable rates and was never known to oppress a creditor. Besides being, prospectively, one of the wealthiest men in Wabaunsee county, Louis possesses the grit that will enable him to protect his holdings even under the most trying circumstances, as was proven on March 17, 1894, when his Uncle Peter was shot down at the old home, where for years the three bachelor brothers, Louis, Fred, and Peter Muehlenbacher, lived with their sister, on what is perhaps the largest and best farm owned by a single individual in Wabaunsee county.

THOMAS MANEY

Was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, Dec. 21, 1844. Came to America in 1861, entering the quartermaster's employ at Fort Leavenworth. In 1864 went to St. Mary's, where he was married to Miss Josephine Higbee, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, February 28, 1868. In 1873, located on Wells creek, on the farm where he now resides. Mr. and Mrs. Maney have eight children, four sons, Alva, Maurice, Thomas, and Joseph, and four daughters, Margaret, Catherine, Mary, and Alice. Mr. Maney owns a good farm and deals extensively in live stock. Has an interesting family and is one of those men of whom it is truly said—"has a heart in him as big as an ox." In other words, is a man generous by nature and warm hearted because he was born that way.

AUGUST FALK

Was born in Groszerlang, Brandenburg, Germany, on February 21, 1849. Came to America in 1870—coming direct to Wabaunsee county. Aug. 5, 1872, was united in marriage to Miss Malinda Fix, six children, four sons and two daughters being born to this union: George, Paul, Henry, and Elmer, and Mrs. Laura Smith and Miss Rosa. (See illustration.) Mr. Falk is a stone mason and marble cutter, being proprietor of the Alma Marble Works, that from a small beginning has attained more than local celebrity—there being much demand for tombstones and memorial tablets of his handiwork in cemeteries far removed from his pleasant home in the outskirts of Alma.

JOHN WINKLER

Was born in Gettingen, Hanover, Germany, August 26, 1828. On March 6, 1860, was united in marriage to Miss Lena Martin, to whom six children were born: Mrs. Augusta Eldridge, and Mrs. Amelia Weaver, who were born in Germany, and Robert, Arthur, Otto, and Mrs. Lena McCrumb, who were born in America—Robert being the first white child born in Alma. Mr. Winkler came to America in 1866, coming direct to Kansas, to the home of his cousin, Mr. Joseph Treu, (deceased.) For eighteen years Mr. Winkler was adjutant of the Hanover Curassiers, and was an active participant in the Austro-Prussian war, Hanover espousing the cause of Austria. When the Hanover troops capitulated to the Prussian army, Mr. Winkler was among those paroled and came to America. Built the first hotel in Alma, which he sold to Mr. Ed. Krapp and went to Maple Hill, where he was elected trustee on the organization of that township. Returned to Alma and built the Winkler Hotel (see illustration) that stood where now stands the New Commercial. After a few years of successful farming, Mr. Winkler returned to the hotel business, building the Denver House at McFarland, which he sold to the present proprietor, Mr. Gottlieb Noller. Though in his 74th year Mr. Winkler looks but little more than fifty and is as hearty and jovial as twenty years ago.

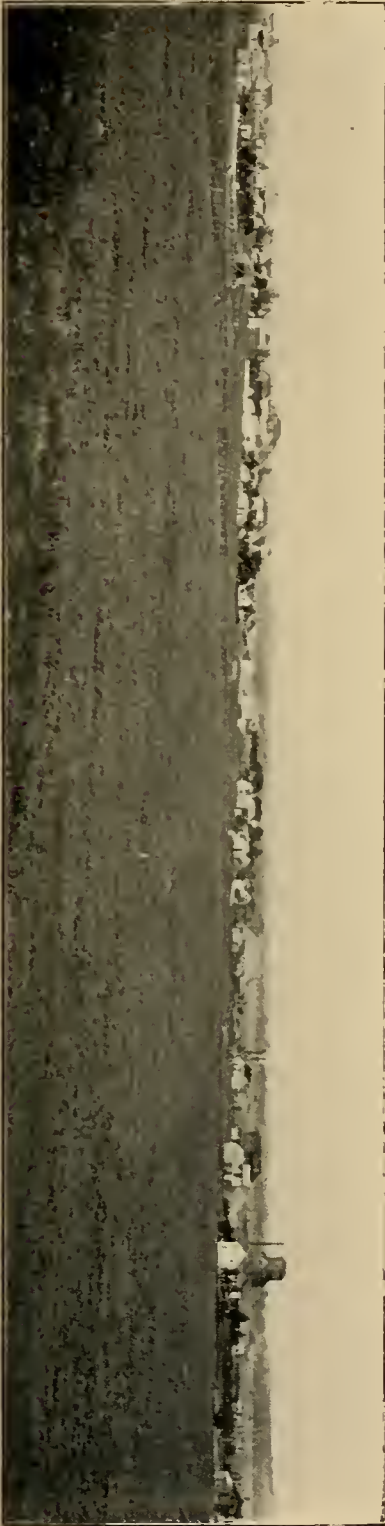
JAMES CARROLL

Was born March 14, 1844, in the town of Belleville, Ontario, Canada, removing with his parents a few years later to Sidney, Shelby county, Ohio. While a youth acquired a good academic education. When the war broke out his patriotic zeal prompted him to enter the service of his country but he was twice rejected. But his persistence was at last rewarded and in March, 1864, we find him a member of Co. F, 47th Infantry, Ohio Volunteers. The regiment was at once ordered to the front and participated in the Atlanta campaign, after which he was taken prisoner near Goldsboro, North Carolina, March 27, 1865, and confined as a prisoner of war at Salisbury, North Carolina, until the following June. Though the war was over, he, a prisoner was none the wiser. On August 27, 1865, was married to Miss M. E. Hodge, to which union two children were born, Mr. Carey E. Carroll and Mrs. Lilia M. Huber, of DeGraff, Ohio. After the close of the civil war Mr. Carroll entered upon the study of the law in the office of Martin & McKercher, being admitted as a member of the bar at Lima, Ohio. In 1886 located in Alma, this being his first and last change of residence. On May 20, 1885, Mr. Carroll met his greatest misfortune in the death

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A VIEW OF ALMA FROM THE SOUTH, 1901.

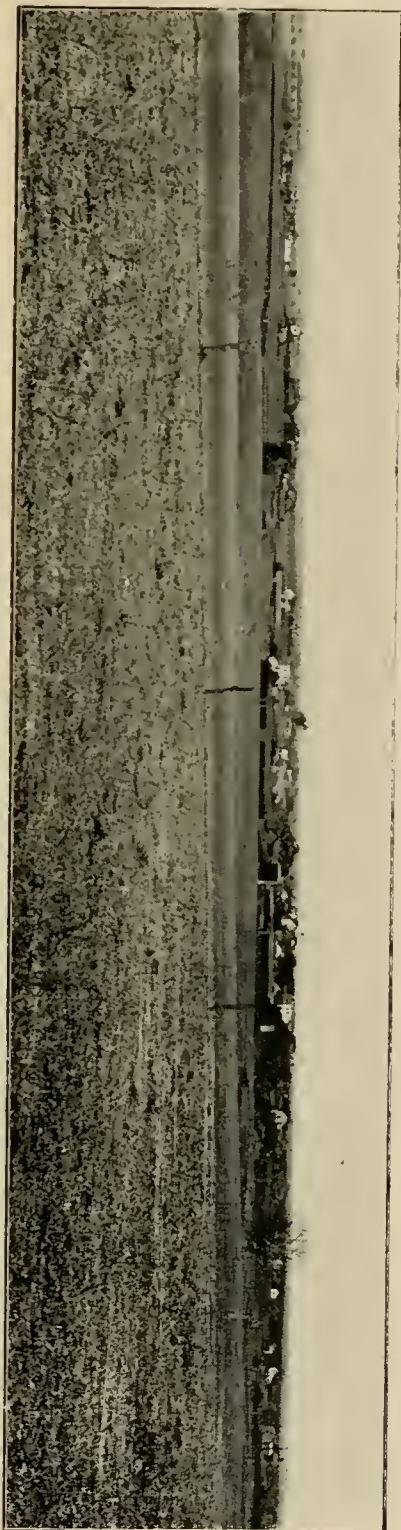


MAPLE HILL.
On the Rock Island, 1901.

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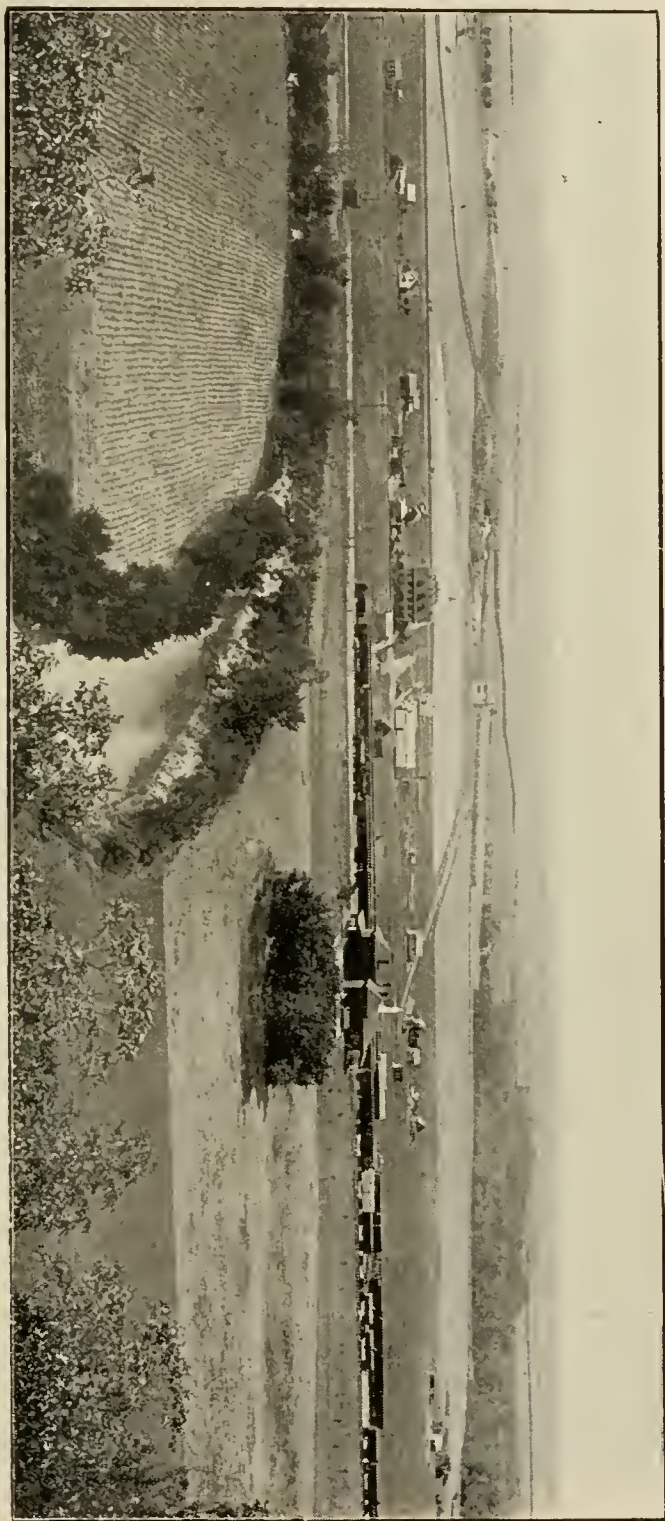
A VIEW OF ALTA VISTA—1901.

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HALIFAX STATION.
Eight miles southeast of Alma.

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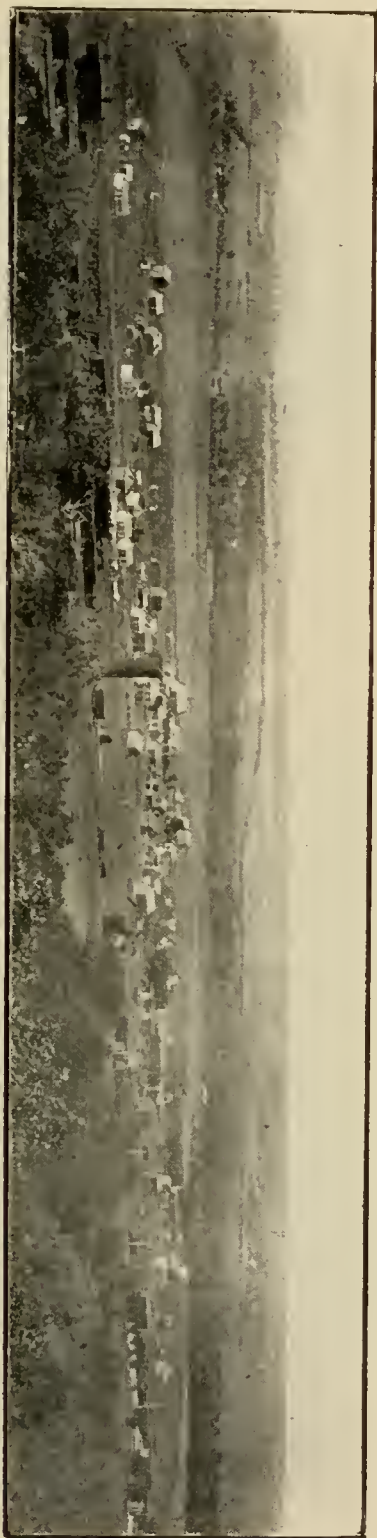


McFARLAND IN 1894.

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ALMA, in 1868.



McFARLAND, in 1902.

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MAIN STREET, ESKRIDGE, LOOKING NORTH.



STROWIG & SON'S MILL, PAXICO.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



MAIN STREET, ESKRIDGE, LOOKING SOUTH.



SCHOOL HOUSE, ALTA VISTA.

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HOTEL ALMA, MRS. THERESA HORNE, Proprietress.



MISSOURI STREET, ALMA, Looking south from Hotel Alma.

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WINKLER'S HOTEL, ALMA, 1880.



THE COURT-HOUSE, ALMA, 1880.



EAST SIDE.



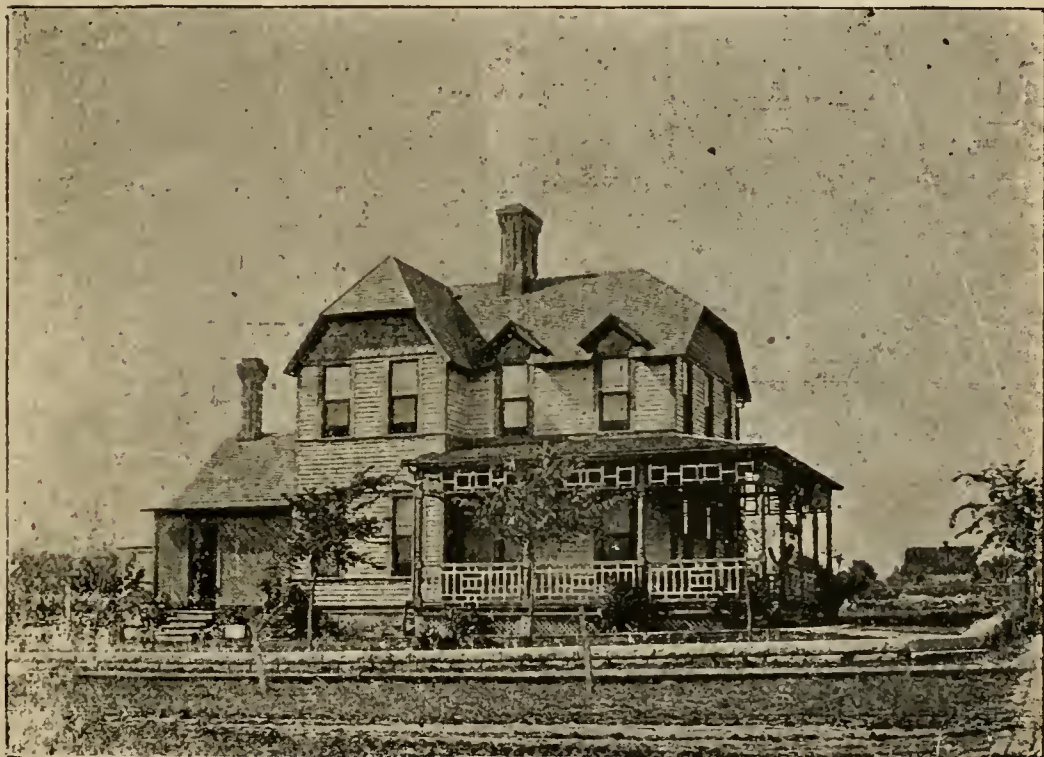
WEST SIDE.

LOWER MISSOURI STREET, ALMA, 1880.

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MAIN STREET, HARVEYVILLE.



RESIDENCE OF HON. J. B. BARNES, ALMA.

of Mrs. Carroll. Since his residence in Alma Mr. Carroll has been one of our most successful attorneys. He has been admitted to practice in the department of the interior and has assisted many of his former comrades in securing pensions for services rendered their country in the hour of need.

A. A. COTTRELL

Was born in Meredith, Delaware county, New York, in 1835. Was educated at Delaware Academy, Delhi, New York. Came to Kansas in 1856, with the New Haven colony. Was one of the committee that located the company at Wabaunsee. Enlisted in Co. E, 10th Illinois Infantry at first call for troops. Afterwards re-enlisted in Co. G, 1st Illinois Cavalry. Was taken prisoner five different times by General Price. In 1862 was united in marriage at Mendon, Illinois, to Miss Martha Platt, nine children, six daughters and three sons, being born to this union. Seven of the children are graduates of the Kansas State Agricultural College, at Manhattan, and the other two will soon add their names to the list of graduates. Mr. Cottrell is an up-to-date farmer who has made a success of his calling, and one of our oldest and most exemplary citizens.

GUS THIERER

Was born in Weston, Platte county, Missouri, November 22, 1851. Came to Kansas when but five years of age with his parents, who located in Geary county. In 1869, came to Wabaunsee county and in August, 1874, was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Fix, five children, three sons, F. C., John B., and Geo. W., and two daughters, Misses Mamie and Lottie, being born to this union. Besides a farm of 400 acres on West branch, Mr. Thierer owns another fine farm of 410 acres on McDowell creek, in Geary county. This progressive farmer, with his estimable family resides in one of the many pretty homes on West branch of Mill creek, seven miles southwest of Alma.

WILLIAM HORNE, SR.

Was born in Baden, Germany, June 30, 1833, coming to America with his parents when but three years of age. Located in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, but later, moved to Wisconsin. In 1852 joined the throng of gold-seekers wending their way to California. Was married in San Francisco in 1857, and returned by way of the Isthmus to his former home in Wisconsin. Two years later the discovery of

new gold fields drew him to the mountains of Colorado, his young wife accompanying him on the trip to the mountains and to his present home in Kansas in the fall of 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Horne have four sons and four daughters. The family is pleasantly located on a well stocked farm of 1,100 acres on the head of Spring creek, where in the days when the mails were carried on horseback from Alma to Junction City Mr. Horne was postmaster at Elvenia. Though nearing the three score and ten mark Mr. Horne is stout and hearty and as genial as in the days of long ago.

S. H. FAIRFIELD

Was born September 4, 1833, in Middleton, Essex county, Massachusetts. Went to Minden, Illinois, in 1856, reaching Kansas in September of the same year, selecting a claim near Wabaunsee. In 1860 was united in marriage to Miss M. H. Burt, of Tabor, Iowa. Returning to Kansas he was, in 1861, elected doorkeeper of the state senate, also of the high court of impeachment. In September, 1861, enlisted in Co. K, 11th Kansas Volunteers. Was detailed as clerk at regimental headquarters, and subsequently assigned to duty as postmaster of his division and the army of the border. In 1863, had entire charge of the military mail in Kansas City, for Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado.* Rejoined his company in 1864, the regiment then being cavalry, and served as corporal till 1865, when he was detailed as clerk in the quartermaster's department of the frontier. During the same year rejoined his company at Horse Shoe, Wyoming Territory, where he remained while subduing the hostile Sioux. Was mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, September 15, 1865. While in the army participated in the battles of Maysville, Cane Hill, Prairie Grove, Van Buren, Lexington, and the Big Blue. In 1865, was elected county clerk, county treasurer in 1867 and 1869. Also to the office of register of deeds the same year, which office he continued to hold 'till January, 1886. Was editor and proprietor of the Alma Union two years. Was a member of the court house building committee and took an active interest in building the Congregational church, being the first Sunday school superintendent. Mr. Fairfield owns a pleasant residence in Alma besides several of the best farms in the county. He is largely engaged in the real estate and loan business and has always been at the front in advancing any public enterprise.

*An item in the Kansas City Journal in December, 1863, says: Mr. Fairfield, postmaster at headquarters, keeps himself informed of the location of the various regiments and companies, and forwards all mail for officers and soldiers without delay. The arrangement of mail matters for convenience of those in the service, seems to be about perfect.

PROSPER E. LEONARD

Was born in Luxemburg, Belgium, July 18, 1850. When but two years of age his parents came to America, locating in Brown county, Ohio, where he received a good education in the county schools. In April, 1879, was married to Miss Gertrude May Seurmour. Came to Kansas in 1884, locating in Wabaunsee township. Owns a good farm of 400 acres near Alma. Is superintendent of the county Poor Farm, a position to which he has been appointed five times in succession—the best evidence of satisfactory work, by an honest, conscientious official.

CURTIS M. LOWRY

Was born January 30, 1875, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. When but three years of age came to Kansas with his parents, who located in Dickinson county. Mr. Lowry was educated at the Dickinson county High school, of which he is a graduate. Is also a graduate of the Kansas State Normal school, at Emporia. Has taught school five terms. Was principal of the Eskridge schools two years, graduating a class of fourteen in the class of 1902. Is a young man of exceptional character and ability and that the future has much in store for him is unquestioned.

DOW BUSENBARK

Was born at Jonesboro, Grant county, Indiana, November 7, 1853. Came with his parents to Kansas March 1, 1860, locating in Jefferson county, but came to Wabaunsee county in 1878. On August 14, 1876, was united in marriage to Miss Olive A. Coxen, four sons and four daughters being born to this union. Was educated in the common schools of Kansas, supplemented by a course of normal work at Lebanon, Ohio, and another at Valparaiso, Indiana. The better part of his life was passed in the school room, the greater part of which has been in the schools of Wabaunsee county. Was elected county superintendent of schools for Wabaunsee county, in November, 1896, and re-elected in November, 1898. Was also appointed for the interim of four months resulting from the change in the beginning of the official term. During his term of office began the publication of the "Teacher, Patron, and Pupil," the first number being issued in October, 1897, continuing the publication until April, 1900. Purchased and began publishing the Eskridge Star in March, 1900, in which business he has ever since been engaged. Mr. Busenbark has made for himself

an excellent reputation as a teacher, was even more successful in the office of county superintendent, and as editor of the *Star* has done much to raise the standard of journalism.

JAMES M. LEE

Was born in Mansfield, England, March 26, 1852, coming with his parents to America when but an infant. Was educated in the city schools of Boston, Massachusetts. On September 20, 1871, was united in marriage to Miss Hannah M. Shaw, four children, two sons, James H. and Elmer William, and two daughters, Mrs. C. C. McMichael and Miss Grace, being born to this union. Besides 240 acres of excellent farm land, Mr. Lee is proprietor of one of the best appointed stores in Eskridge, located in the first story of the Woodman Hall building. The official honors that have fallen on Mr. Lee's shoulders are the best indications of the degree of confidence reposed in one of Wabaunsee county's best known citizens. Twice elected township treasurer, for four years city treasurer, and twice elected mayor of Eskridge it wasn't difficult to find in Mr. Lee the material for county treasurer, to which office he was twice elected—in 1895 and again in 1897—being for four years one of our most popular officials.

MR. ANDREW PRINGLE, SR. (Dec'd)

Was born in Melrose, Scotland, October 28, 1827. Came to America in 1857, settling in Canada, but removing to Kansas in 1870—to the farm near Harveyville, where he died, March 15, 1889, leaving to mourn his loss, a wife and five sons: Andrew, William, John W., James T., and Robert—all estimable citizens. Mr. Pringle was a man of strict integrity, highly esteemed by all as a conscientious, Christian gentleman.

MR. C. B. LINES (Dec'd)

Was born in New Haven, Connecticut, March 12, 1807. Was married July 18, 1829, to Miss Maria Woodard. Came to Wabaunsee county at the head of the Connecticut colony, in March, 1856, locating at Wabaunsee. Mr. Lines was a man of strong convictions and the strictest integrity—a leader among men. Besides his wife he left, to mourn his loss, three daughters—Mesdames Geo. S. Burt, J. P. Evans, and I. H. Isbell.

WILLIAM M. RINEHART

Was born in Knox county, Ohio, September 6, 1839. Came to Kansas in 1870, locating on the farm on which he now resides, one mile east of Eskridge. For a number of years kept a country store at "The Corners"—long before the advent of the railroad. On November 28, 1860, was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Riley, two sons and two daughters being born to this union. During the Civil war Mr. Rinehart enlisted as a member of Co. F, 121st Ohio Infantry, and for two years was a marine on the steamer Baltic. During the Spanish war one of his sons was a member of the "Rough Riders." Three of the four children are now residents of Montana. In 1898 Mr. Rinehart was elected to the legislature, the nomination coming to him unsolicited. Is an experienced horticulturist, a good citizen and as a member of the legislature made a clean record—always bearing in mind the interests of his constituents.

MR. CHRISTIAN KUENZLI (Dec'd)

Was born August 20, 1831, in Canton Berne, Switzerland. Came to America in 1850, locating at Highland, Illinois. Was married in 1853 to Miss Magdalena Moser, of Highland. In 1856, moved to Buchanan county, Missouri, and in 1859 came to Wabaunsee county, locating on the farm where he died on July 10, 1899. No man was held in higher esteem by his neighbors and the death of no one could be more universally regretted. At the Kuenzli home hospitality was for years dispensed with a generous hand and those in need of substantial assistance were never turned away if it was possible for Christian Kuenzli to lend a helping hand.

LaFAYETTE RICHARDS

Was born in Wyoming county, New York, June 12, 1834. Came to Kansas in 1880, locating in Rock Creek township, this county. On February 28, 1855, was married to Miss Cynthia Spinck, two sons and four daughters being born to this union. Mr. Richards is a graduate of the Varysburg, New York, High school and has taught school four terms, one of which was in his home district on Rock creek. Has served the people of his township four terms as trustee and has been justice of the peace for twelve years. In 1888 was elected probate judge of Wabannsee county, his education and sound judgment eminently fitting him for the duties of this important office.

GUSTAV H. MEIER

Was born on the home farm near Halifax, January 2, 1865. Received a good, practical education in the district school, supplemented by a course at the Kansas State Agricultural College, at Manhattan. In 1887 began the study of photography with L. Palenske. Has mastered every branch of the business and is today one of the best artists in the state—a fact proven by his handiwork—seldom equaled and never excelled.

DAVID M. GARDNER

Was born in New York City, July 4, 1850, coming to Illinois in 1863 and six years later to Wabaunsee county. On November 23, 1873, was united in marriage to Miss Martha S. Crandall, of Mission creek, a son and a daughter being born to this union. In 1877, was elected sheriff of Wabaunsee county and re-elected in 1879; and elected to the office of county clerk in 1881, filling with credit two of the most important offices in the gift of the people. Has resided in Alma since his first election to a county office and is the present incumbent in the office of city marshal. His only daughter, Mrs. Flora Taylor, was, for several years, a popular teacher in the Alma city schools.

ROSS C. McCORMICK

Was born in Knoxville, Iowa, April 1, 1872. Came to Kansas with his parents in 1879, the family locating at Phillipsburg. Is a graduate of the Phillipsburg High School, also, of the Nickerson Normal College, at Nickerson, Kansas. Has taught school three years, one of which was principal of the Alma City schools, making for himself a most excellent record as a teacher and disciplinarian. Being a young man of acknowledged ability and excellent judgment his success in the battle of life is assured.

CHARLES MUCKENTHALER

Was born July 30, 1876, at Newbury, Kansas. Supplemented a course in the common schools by a four years course at St. Marys College, of which excellent institution he is a graduate. June 12, 1900, was united in marriage to Miss Bernadina Kolde, an accomplished young lady of Newbury. In 1897, became a member of the Paxico Lumber Company, the company adding a stock of hardware in 1899. Mr. Muckenthaler is a young man of the strictest integrity, and, combined with excellent business qualifications there need be no hesitancy in predicting for him a bright and successful future.

J. M. JOHNSON

Was born in Mount Carmel, Fleming county, Kentucky, May 4, 1836, moving with his parents to Clinton county, Ohio, in October, 1849. Worked in a tan-yard until sixteen years of age and then started out to be a farmer. In September, 1858, was united in marriage to Miss Susan M. Fields. Came to Kansas in 1865, settling in Wabaunsee county. Was elected representative in 1871. Has held the offices of justice of the peace, township treasurer, and township clerk. Since coming to Kansas has been engaged in farming and stock raising. Made a good record in the legislature; is successful as a farmer and one of our best citizens.

DAVID F. CLAYTON

Was born in Sidney, Shelby county, Ohio, October 6, 1851. In 1875, went to Illinois. On September 15, 1872, was united in marriage to Miss Martha Carroll. Came to Kansas in 1887, locating at Alma, where he has since resided. Mr. Clayton is serving his ninth term as township trustee and his fifth term as a member of the city council of Alma—excellent proof as to the degree of confidence reposed in him as a public official.

WILLIAM DIEBALL

Was born in Germany, May 29, 1853. Landed with the family at New Orleans, in 1856, coming to Wabaunsee county in the spring of 1857. On October 27, 1875, was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hess, six children being born to this union, five of whom still survive—one son, Emil, and four daughters: Mrs. Dora Barger, Mrs. Louise Diehl, and the Misses Caroline and Olga. Mr. Dieball owns a well stocked farm of 960 acres and has recently erected one of the finest residences in Wabaunsee county (see illustration). Though young in years, when the family came to Kansas, Mr. Dieball has a vivid remembrance of the many incidents of pioneer days. Deer and turkeys were plentiful, he having shot many of the latter while in his teens. He remembers that deer were very tame, also, and that they often shared with the cattle their feed when the weather was severe and the grass covered with snow. With his estimable family Mr. Dieball enjoys the fruits of years of toil and excellent management of one of the best farms in Wabaunsee county.

JOHN SUDWEEKS

Was born in Canada, November 20, 1849. Came to Kansas August 1, 1870. On November 23, 1873, was united in marriage to Miss Sallie M. Pratt, to which union four children were born: Mabel, John W., James E., and Charles P. Sudweeks. For twenty years Mr. Sudweeks was one of the progressive teachers of Wabaunsee county, was appointed county commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. C. N. Earl, and was elected representative in November, 1900, being the present incumbent in that important office—a convincing proof of his high standing among the people.

A. M. JORDAN

Was born August 29, 1858, near Topeka, Kansas. Three years before, his father, William Jordan, had come west to help make Kansas a free state. He died in 1895, at the home of his son, with whom he had lived for many years before the end came. The subject of this sketch received a good education, first, in the county schools of Shawnee county, supplemented by a course in the City High School in Topeka. On September 5, 1894, Mr. Jordan was united in marriage to Miss Luettie Case, to which union three children were born, two sons and a daughter. Since 1885, Mr. Jordan has been a resident of Wabaunsee county, and during that period has acquired a more than state-wide reputation as a breeder of Poland China Swine, of best families, and Plymouth Rock Chickens of leading strains. The "Chinquapin Farm" is a fine body of land of 440 acres, well watered and adapted to the purpose for which it is used—a stock farm—on which are raised and kept for sale nothing but first class stock. By the exercise of sound judgment and an intuitive knowledge of the business Mr. Jordan has attained that degree of success at which he aimed in the beginning. Brain, brawn, and printer's ink—for he has called all these into requisition—have brought customers from points far removed from the Chinquapin farm—known far and wide as one of the best in the state.

FREDERICK J. FREY

Was born June 6, 1864, at Davenport, Iowa. Received the benefits of an excellent system of schools, supplementing a good common school education with a course at Davenport Academy. Came to Kansas in 1878, and on April 15, 1896, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kolde, to which union three children were born: Adelaide, Theresa, and Frank. Mr. Frey has served the people of Newbury township one

term as trustee and has been constable since he was old enough to vote, his excellent work in that office pointing him out as the right man for the office of sheriff of Wabaunsee county—to which important office he was elected in 1899. Mr. Frey has proven himself a capable official. His metal has more than once been subjected to the crucial tests essential to secure a verdict of approval. He has served the people truly and well, and they seldom fail to mete out to the faithful that reward to which they are justly entitled.

MR. GEORGE BERROTH (Dec'd)

Was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, February 8, 1833. In 1856, came to America, locating in Pennsylvania. On August 24, 1856, was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Burkhardt, in the city of Philadelphia. Came to Kansas in 1869, locating in Pottawatomie county, but five years later came to Wabaunsee county, to the farm where he died on March 9, 1896. Mr. Berroth was a successful farmer and stock raiser, a man with a kind heart and generous nature, elements in a man's character that insure the esteem of his fellows.

J. W. ROBERTSON

Was born in Flemingsburg, Kentucky, January 8, 1866. Was educated at Newton, Illinois. Came to Kansas, August 1, 1884, and six years later was united in marriage to Miss Alice L. Reynard, to which union three children were born: Roel R., Donald B., and William H. Mr. Robertson is a dealer in paints and wall paper. From a small business at the beginning he has seen an infant industry grow to proportions seldom seen in a city many times the size of the busy little town of which he is mayor. He has attained success by hard work and well directed effort.

W. T. ECKLES

Was born at Mount Vernon, Missouri, July 22, 1868, and when but an infant came with his parents to Kansas. Is a graduate of the State Normal School, at Emporia, but since 1888 has been in the employ of the Mudge Mercantile Company. After eleven years of faithful service was installed as manager—another proof that merit wins. In the year 1900, Mr. Eckles was mayor of Eskridge and true to his old time instinct he was again promoted—on June 12, 1901, when he was united in marriage to Miss Nellie M. Kingman. His popularity is indicated by his success—in whatever he undertakes.

MR. JOHN ADAM KRATZER (Dec'd)

Was born in Bavaria, Germany, July 4, 1834. Came to America in 1856 and to Kansas in 1860, and four years later, to Wabaunsee county. Was educated at Vicid, Germany. On June 25, 1863, was united in marriage to Miss Louise Huber, to which union fourteen children were born, ten of whom still survive. On October 3, 1861, Mr. Kratzer enlisted in Co. M, 5th Regt. Ohio Cavalry, Capt. John Henry, commanding. On March 5, 1863, was discharged by reason of physical disability. Besides an excellent farm of 198 acres Mr. Kratzer left to the world an estimable wife and family of sons and daughters. With hosts of friends and no enemies he passed to the great beyond. His memory was revered by all and his departure universally regretted.

AMOS T. TAYLOR

Was born in West Virginia, April 12, 1853, coming to Kansas with his parents in October, 1867. Celebrated the 4th of July, in 1878, by being united in marriage to Miss Flora A. Smith, to which union three children were born. Became a voter in Wabaunsee county and there is no indication of a desire to change his place of residence. Besides a pleasant home owns valuable property interests in Eskridge, and just now is in possession of a certificate of good standing in the Masonicⁿ fraternity—that entitles him to the privilege of a place in the East.

CHARLES H. BURGETT

Was born in 1869, at Quincy, Illinois. Came to Kansas ten years later with his parents, who located at McPherson, where he received the benefit of a liberal education. On April 10, 1890, was united in marriage to Miss Doretta Drebing, to which union three children were born—Clyde, Ralph, and Ruth. Though owning one of the best farms in Kansas, Mr. Burgett, by reason of an injury received in a runaway, has opened a barber shop in Eskridge, where he is pleasantly located with his family.

MR. ANDREW ANDERSON (Dec'd)

Was born in Norway, January 18, 1818. Came to America in 1866, settling on the north half of the northwest quarter of section 2, township 14, range 8, in Wabaunsee county, in July, 1870. Mr. Anderson died in August, 1883, at the age of 65 years and 6 months.

Mrs. Anna Anderson was born October 24, 1819, and died Septem-

ber 4, 1897, being at the time of her death nearly 78 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were of that class of sturdy, hard working people who did much to redeem Kansas from conditions that were responsible for the name of Great American Desert. Besides an unsullied name these model citizens left behind them the best of legacies—an estimable family of sons and daughters.

MARK PALMER

Was born November 24, 1877, in Monroe county, Iowa. Was educated at Valparaiso, Indiana, being a graduate of the Northern Indiana Normal School, located there. On August 1, 1899, was united in marriage to Miss May F. Parsonage, an accomplished young lady of Eskridge, of which city Mr. Palmer is postmaster. Was appointed at the age of twenty-one and enjoys the distinction of being the youngest postmaster in the United States. Mr. Palmer is affable as well as capable and justly entitled to the \$1,300 salary allowed by the department.

JERRY B. FIELDS

Was born March 1, 1861, at Wilmington, Clinton county, Ohio. Came to Kansas with his parents in 1865. Supplemented a thorough course of training in the public schools by a four years course at Washburn College, taking up mineralogy as a special branch—much of the practical work of assaying being directly under his supervision. On June 26, 1891, Mr. Fields was united in marriage with Miss Olive A. DeArmond, for several years a teacher in the Alma city schools. Besides 240 acres of good farming and grazing lands Mr. Fields has extensive interests in mining properties in Missouri, Wyoming, and Oregon. Is one of Alma's leading dealers in real estate, and is indefatigable in his efforts to please his customers.

IRA L. MORRIS

Was born in Linn county, Missouri, on March 16, 1876. Came to Kansas November 25, 1892. A thorough elementary training in the schools of his native state was supplemented by a course at the Eskridge High School. On January 4, 1897, Mr. Morris was united in marriage to Miss Bessie May Luke, an accomplished young lady of Eskridge. Is the junior member of the firm of J. L. Morris & Son, and is one of the rising young business men of Eskridge.

OSCAR SCHMITZ

Was born in Alma on December 26, 1875. Besides a thorough course in the Alma city schools Mr. Schmitz is a graduate of the Dickinson County High School, located at Chapman, Kansas. Also took the law course at Kansas State University. In June, 1898, Mr. Schmitz was united in marriage to Miss Eva DeArmond, of Alma, who, for several years was a popular teacher in the city schools. Besides owning a good farm of 200 acres near Alma, Mr. Schmitz deals extensively in stock, and enjoys a lucrative practice in the courts of Wabaunsee county, being one of the rising young attorneys of the city in which he first saw the light.

JOSEPH SNYDER

Was born December 14, 1866. Is a native of Ohio, but when but four years of age removed with his parents to Michigan. Came to Kansas in 1889. A good educational training in the common schools was supplemented by a course in one of the best business colleges in Michigan—at Ionia. On June 23, 1895, was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Sharrai, to which union one daughter, Miss Lucille, was born. For several years past Mr. Snyder has had charge of the creamery station at Paxico. Is a good barber and an all around hustler and by strict attention to business is winning success.

REV. J. H. MUELLER,

Of McFarland, was born October 23, 1872, in Lincoln, Missouri. Came to Kansas in September, 1896. On November 22nd of the same year was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Boehmer, to which union two daughters were born—Misses Helen and Irene. In 1896, Rev. Mueller was called to the pastorate of the several congregations at Paxico, McFarland, Wells Creek and Wamego, but at the present time the pastorate includes only the charges at McFarland and Paxico, Wamego and Wells Creek having become self-sustaining. Though the congregations at Paxico and McFarland are comparatively limited in numbers their appreciation of Rev. Mueller's services are indicated by the self-sacrificing spirit shown—in their cordial support of their popular minister, and by the building of an addition to the parsonage for the comfort and convenience of their pastor.

Our Illustrations.

REV. KAMP'S CONFIRMATION CLASS.

Named from left to right: Herman Haller, Mary Bellinger, Joseph Sanders, Anna Steimel, John Steimel, Ella Schubert, Gertrude Schutter, John Dittman, Frank Terrass, Floribert Eagan, Emma Loehr, Matilda Wetzels, Minnie Diehl, John Wentrode, Leo Leonard, Anna Bohn, Adam Degenhardt. These worthy young people are members of our best families and it may be expected that in after years they will reflect credit on themselves, their parents and their spiritual counselor and teacher.

THE ALMA LIEDERKRANZ.

From left to right: First tier—standing—Alfred Umbehr, Philip Birk, G. H. Meier, Hartman Bollier, B. Buchli, Conrad Zehner, Fred Meyer. Second tier—seated—Carl Lang, H. R. Schmidt, Emil Beutel, Otto Sawallisch, Richard Thoes, Carl Schubert, August Peters, Reinhold Diepenbrock, August Ohst, Fritz Brunner, George Femmel.

AN OLD LANDMARK

At Lookout Station, four miles south of Alma. Just across the road was the old sawmill. Col. Sanford had brought it down from Manhattan. It had an incumbrance but a night drive shook it off, and before the sun went down again the old mill took a rest. Mr. Spieker built the log house for Knöpf, who started a store. Then came Goldstandt & Cohen, followed by "Butter-Hanness." His other name was John or Hans, but because he took butter in trade he was known far and wide as "Butter-Hanness." Then came Wm. Sol-scheid, before building his store in Alma. Col. Sanford boarded at Ed. Krapp's and a lawsuit of six years duration was the sequel. Ed. got judgment for \$860 and the old mill was sold for scrap iron. Spieker ran the postoffice in the log cabin in the ravine north of the old station. But in the fall of 1866 Alma was voted the county seat and naturally wanted a post office nearer home. The driver on the Americus and Wamego mail line reported in favor of Alma and one day Mr. August Meyer got his commission and went out and got the records. Then the county officers got their mail at home—Alma had taken another step forward—it had a postoffice of its own. Then

the people began putting on airs—they wanted mail twice a week, and asked for a mail route to Council Grove and another to Burlingame and a third line to Mission creek. They soon objected to the wind blowing on mail days, as the waves in the Kaw river ran so high the boat couldn't cross and in consequence there was no mail.

HAYING AT CHRIS LANGVARDT'S.

Showing how things are done on the broad prairies of Kansas by men of push and energy who surprise the world by doing things. For years Mr. Chris Langvardt was the leading cattle and hog buyer of Alta Vista and it was with feelings of deepest regret when it was announced that this popular dealer would retire from the business. His method of working in the hay field was but an index of Mr. Langvardt's manner of conducting the farm on business principles.

Threshing at the Palenske farm by horse power is now a thing of the past but in the days gone by all welcomed the coming of the threshers. It was like a reunion. With jest and song the work went merrily on. Even the women of the household, with their increased burdens, couldn't say they disliked the annual threshing bee of yesteryear.

WILMINGTON.

Historic old town. A few years ago it was our opinion that the old stone buildings would insure the old landmark a permanent reminder of the old Santa Fe trail. But the stone buildings were concrete and most of them have fallen to decay. But the old town is a relic of the past, nevertheless. O. H. Sheldon was the first postmaster and H. D. Shepard, the first storekeeper. In 1870, besides Mr. Shepard, there were two other stores, kept by Penfield & Son, and by James Cripps & Co., Dr. Wilkerson had built a drug store and Dr. Easter was talking of building another, Henry Burns ran a blacksmith shop and J. and H. McPherson, builders, had all they could do. Then came John Buchanan with his store and shoe shop, and, soon after, the hotel. Then there were Rice Lewis and Jack Turner—two bachelors—who, later on, quit the business. Then, there was John Easter, the surveyor, and Mr. Dyer, both of whom have gone from among us. But Sam Bright still holds the fort and Mr. Prothrow, who has written J. P. after his name all his life and he is still at it—a worthy citizen and one of the old-timers. Wilmington, as a reminder of the old Santa Fe trail is still there—a memory of the long ago.

HALIFAX STATION

Before the building of the railroad was known as "Bismarck." Trouble relative to mail matters was the cause of the change so far as the postoffice department was concerned. Sacks of mail intended for people attending the fair at "Bismarck Grove," near Lawrence, prompted a change in the name. "Go to Halifax" is as old as the hills but as many people in Wabaunsee county could not, without great inconvenience, obey the mandate, we bring Halifax to them.

AN INTERESTING FAMILY.

Alma people will readily recognize Miss Minnie, the handsome daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Palenske, as the principal figure of this interesting family. How natural to be just a little partial to the baby of the household. But Miss Minnie is seemingly proud of them all, nevertheless. Child nature is alike the world over and that we are all, at best, but children of larger growth is every day exemplified. But for the love of the human family for the little ones the world would, indeed, be a blank.

POYNTZ AVENUE IN 1866.

Those who know something of the bustle and energy characteristic of Manhattan's busiest thoroughfare of today will hardly realize that but a few short years ago the prolonged stopping of a government wagon train and scores of lazy ox teams on the main street of the town would cause no serious impediment to travel.

But to the old-timer the immense ricks of hay stacked near the timber on the banks of the Blue river tell the story—the train has stopped for forage, preparatory to a camp for the night at the "Devil's Elbow"—a short distance down the river. This was one of the most desirable camping places on the military road from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Riley. The timber for firewood was plentiful and there was an abundance of good water—two of the essential requisites of a good camping place.

Usually sufficient corn was taken along for the trip but the farmers along the route were depended on to supply the trains with hay. Crossing the Pottawatomie reservation Eli Nadeau, Louis Vieux, and Pat Behan were always well supplied with forage, and if chickens, butter, and eggs were wanted to help out the commissary supplies these worthy people were amply provided with the needed luxuries.

There were few stores in Manhattan then and the customers were

not so plentiful that the stopping of a train on the main street of the town wasn't a welcome incident of the time. It meant brisk times for the merchants and a supply of gloves and warm clothing for their customers. The engraving is an excellent index of the conditions as they existed when the best of Kansas towns was an infant.

STUEWE BROS.' CREAMERY.

Though long since set aside for more lucrative enterprises the creamery of ten years ago is an excellent example of what can be accomplished by honest effort and capable management. Teams were sent into nearly every neighborhood in the county to gather cream for the plant. The product was excellent in quality and the quantity surprisingly large. From a small beginning the business grew until the proportions were gigantic—laying the foundation for the handsome competence now enjoyed by the firm of Stuewe Bros., bankers and heavy dealers in cattle.

OUT SERVING A WRIT.

A book devoid of a little spice would be as savorless as meat without salt—hence the picture of a former popular sheriff out for an airing. Born in Kansas he realizes the necessity of taking along at any and all seasons, an overcoat, umbrella, and a fan. The umbrella you see under his arm, the motion of the mules ears serve the purpose of a fan and the overcoat—well, Herman has evidently improvised a cushion out of that. The picture will cause a smile where frowns too often appear—and that accounts for its presence here.

RETURNING TO THE RESERVATION.

Waneka instead of Pem-Co-Wye was the name of the Indian warning Mr. Fred Palenske of the intended uprising of the Pottawatomies (see page 22). The bulk of the Pottawatomies had gone into camp near the big spring at Mike Mueller's, the camp extending as far up the creek as Henry Schroeder's. Passing to and from the reservation over the trail past Ed. Krapp's the settlers became alarmed, the alarm being increased by the report that the Indians were nightly called together by the din of the tom-tom, and that war dances were being indulged in to incite the warriors of the tribe to deeds of valor in which the tomahawk and scalping knife were to be prominent factors in the coming struggle. To sleep in their corn fields was the rule and there were several instances where the families that for some reason

had incurred the displeasure of the Indians had gone to Topeka for protection. Personally, Mr. Ed. Krapp believed the fear of an Indian uprising to be groundless but being aware of the general feeling of unrest among the settlers he went to Mr. Wm. Ross (brother of Mr. Chas. Ross), the Indian agent, and induced him to go with him to the Indian camp, state the facts to the chiefs, and prevail on the Indians to return to their deserted villages on the reservation. That the efforts of Mr. Krapp and Agent Ross were successful is indicated by the illustration.

THE ROCK ISLAND EATING HOUSE,

At McFarland, is conducted on up-to-date methods. "We strive to please" is the motto of the management, and if excellent meals and a lunch counter that would do credit to any city are evidences of an intention to carry out the spirit of their motto the Rock Island people have no reason to fear any adverse criticism relative to their methods as caterers to an appreciative but hungry public. The dining room is a model of beauty, the waitresses are polite and attentive and the viands the best to be had on the market.

INDIANS IN ALMA IN 1881.

"Palmer's Indians," they were called. The Indians were not looking for scalps but Palmer was after the settlers' lands. There were some flaws in the Indian titles and the members of the "lost band" had been found. Palmer came an unbidden guest and a more universally despised man never set foot in Wabaunsee county. The old settlers will tell you that the Indians he brought with him were angels in comparison with the man who discovered them.

MAIN STREET, HARVEYVILLE,

Just as you see it from the depot platform. The old settlers of that neighborhood will be more than usually interested in this illustration, by reason of the contrast with the conditions existing 44 years ago—when the nearest railroad station was at Jefferson City, Missouri, and when the settlers got their scant mail from Burlingame, by chance. The floor of Mr. Henry Harvey's house was made of puncheons and that of Sam Devaney and many others were less costly but more substantial—consisting of a solid footing of mother earth. The log cabin was the rule and these were few and far between.

RESIDENCE OF J. B. BARNES, ALMA.

One of the coziest and most attractive private residences in Alma is that of Hon. J. B. Barnes, city attorney of Alma. With a handsome lawn and walks to correspond—situated on the main business street and yet sufficiently removed from the center of trade to insure that quiet so essential to a complete home.

THE DOUBLE ARCH BRIDGE

Over West branch of Mill creek, four miles southwest of Alma, serves to make this one of the most picturesque spots in Wabaunsee county. Also a fair sample of the many substantial bridges spanning the numerous streams throughout the county—making travel over our country roads at all times safe. Delays from high waters and floods are now things of the past—a fact that is appreciated by the old settlers, who, in the early days, could not always leave home with a certainty of returning on schedule time. But the clouds are no longer scanned—nor the weather bulletins consulted—lest a flood might cause unavoidable delays on the way.

THE ELIOT CHURCH

Is dear to the heart of every resident of Maple Hill township—each and every one of whom rejoices that it has not been abandoned—if not consigned to oblivion—by the consolidation of the Maple Hill churches, as recently proposed. Some alterations have been made in the tower since the photograph was taken, but the picture represents the old church as it was in the days gone by. The memories clustered about the old stone church are numberless and as sacred as they are old. In the churchyard lie buried the people's dead. To this hallowed spot does the suppliant turn—as the Mohammedan to his Mecca—in offering prayers to the Most High. 'Tis here the people come to hold silent commune with those who have gone before. 'Tis here they expect to return when their earthly task is completed; when the Master's work is done.

HISTORY.

In 1874, it seemed best by some of the families who had recently settled at Maple Hill, from New England, that something be done for the religious welfare of the people of that thriving little city. With that end in view Sunday school was organized in Dist. No. 39. The permanent organization was perfected October 11, 1874, with sixteen

members. By spring there were one hundred names on the roll, with an actual average attendance of thirty. Rev. L. M. Scribner, of St. Marys, as well as some of the Topeka pastors, preached occasionally and the desire for a permanent organization increased.

By the advice of Rev. R. D. Storrs, superintendent of the Kansas home missionary society, and other pastors who had preached here, the necessary steps were taken, and on June 3, 1875, a council of neighboring churches convened in the above school house with R. D. Parker, of Manhattan, moderator, and the following churches were represented by pastor and delegate:

Topeka, South, Rev. Linus Blakesly and delegate; Topeka, North, Miss H. C. Castle, delegate; St. Marys, Rev. L. M. Scribner and delegate; Louisville, Rev. H. C. Scotford and delegate; Manhattan, Rev. R. D. Parker; Alma, Rev. H. Jones and delegate; Dover, Rev. F. P. Newcomb and delegate; Wabaunsee, C. B. Lines and E. F. Burt, delegates; Quindaro, Rev. S. D. Storrs.

After the devotional exercises Mr. William H. Warren read the record of the previous meetings, conducted by the band of Christian workers, who proposed to organize the church, also the covenant and articles of faith they wished to adopt. The council then retired for deliberation and reported an approval.

The following program was then carried out to complete the organization:

Sermon, by Rev. L. Blakesly, of Topeka; Reading of the articles of faith and covenant, by Rev. L. M. Scribner; Right hand of fellowship, R. D. Parker; Charge to the church, Rev. S. D. Storrs; Prayer, by Rev. Harvey Jones; Benediction, by Rev. S. W. Newcomb.

The following were enrolled as charter members:

Messrs. Dura Warren, W. H. Warren, G. W. Moore, J. W. Woodford, Henry Allen, Thomas McElroy; Mesdames J. A. M. Cheney, Dura Warren, W. H. Warren, G. W. Moore, Thomas McElroy, A. F. Thayer; Misses Alice Warren and Annie E. Warren.

In the meantime services were continued in the school house until August, 1882, when the stone church was dedicated, free from debt. Cemetery grounds were laid out adjacent to the church and the following year the parsonage was built. The following are the names of the ministers who have served the church:

Revs. L. M. Scribner, Albert Matson, Pliny Smith, J. Mavers, Oscar Ostrum, William S. Crouch.

At the time of the dedication in 1882, Rev. W. S. Crouch accepted a call as the pastor of the church, and, with a short intermission, has continued to preach until the present time.

ROCK ISLAND BRIDGE AT MAPLE HILL.

This substantial combination of stone and steel is but one of the eight strong bridges spanning Mill creek along the line of the Rock Island between the mouth of the stream and Alta Vista—besides quite a number of smaller bridges crossing the many pretty streams emptying into the main creek along the route in Wabaunsee county. The material for the stone work was taken from the Fox quarries, now Albert Dieball's, four miles west of Alma—the same quarry furnishing the stone for the depot building at Topeka.

AN OLD TIME FENCE,

When the only cow was picketed out will be recognized by every old settler in Wabaunsee county. Settlers who fail to connect the illustration with the early incidents of their experience in Kansas are not entitled to the use of the prefix "old" in connection with their coming to the new country. Cattle and corn were incongruous—in that they refused to grow on a farm where fences hadn't been built—unless the cow (usually, being the only representative of the brute creation on the farm) was restrained by the persuasive argument exercised by the picket rope—that alone was sufficiently potent to keep "Bossy" out of the corn patch—we refrain from saying "cornfield" for the reason that the small corners grubbed out in the bends of the creeks were hardly worthy the name as long since interpreted on the broad prairies of Kansas.

MEXICAN OVEN AND ADOBE HOUSE.

These are inseparable. A New Mexican home would be lacking in one of the essentials were there no oven adjacent to the "casa." The adobe house possesses all the requisites in the matter of comfort, being cool in summer and warm in winter. As to the oven, a pinon or pine stick fire will soon enable the housewife to have ready for the table as nice a baking as could be provided by an expert in any city bakery.

The illustration "Goat Curiosity" portrays these active habits of every Mexican ranch as one may see them at any time while passing through the "Land of the Aztec." For further explanation see our reference to the goat in "The Old Santa Fe Trail."

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



WEST SIDE MAIN STREET, Maple Hill.



EAST SIDE MAIN STREET, Maple Hill.



WILLIAM ROGGE'S ELEVATOR, Paxico.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



TEMPLIN POSTOFFICE.



VOLLAND STATION.
Seven miles southwest of Alma.



MAIN STREET, PAXICO.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



RESIDENCE AND FARM BUILDINGS OF MR. J. M. BISBEY, Pavilion.



COUNTY POOR FARM, four miles south of Alma.



McKELVEY'S STORE AND WOODMAN HALL, Wabaunsee.

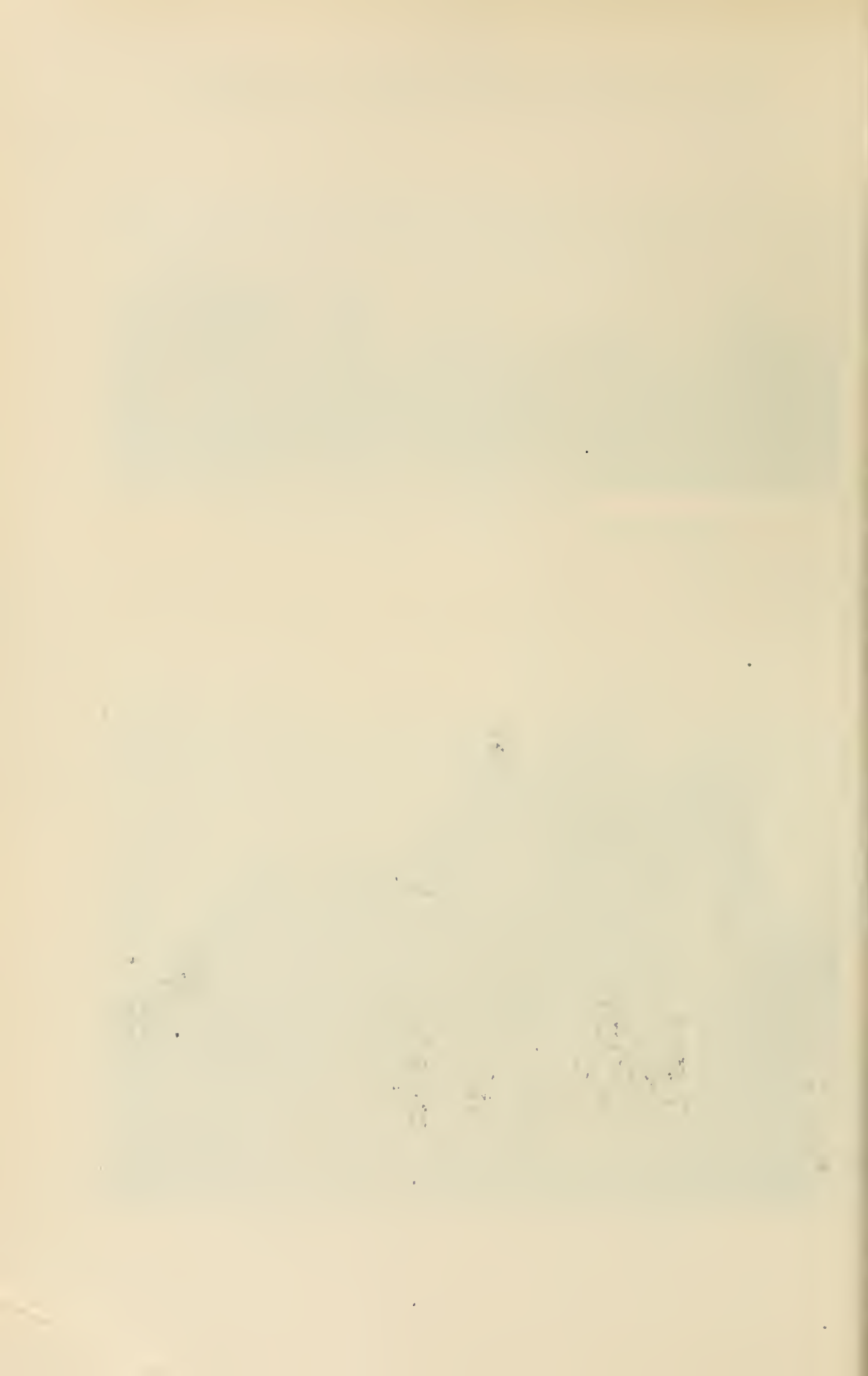
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WILMINGTON, ON THE OLD SANTA FE TRAIL, 1901.



RESIDENCE OF DR. M. F. TRIVETT, ESKRIDGE.



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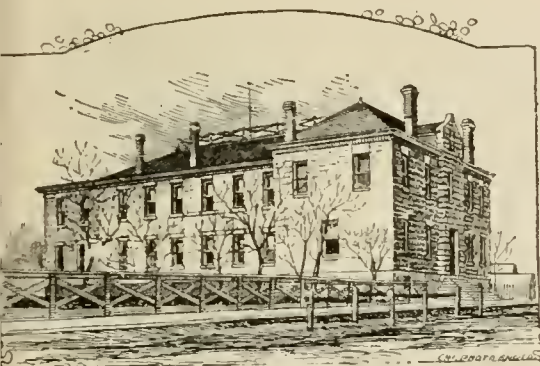


FOR TWELVE YEARS THE HOME OF THE SIGNAL, Alma.
Where this History was written.



MR. AUGUST UTERMANN'S BARN, Alma.

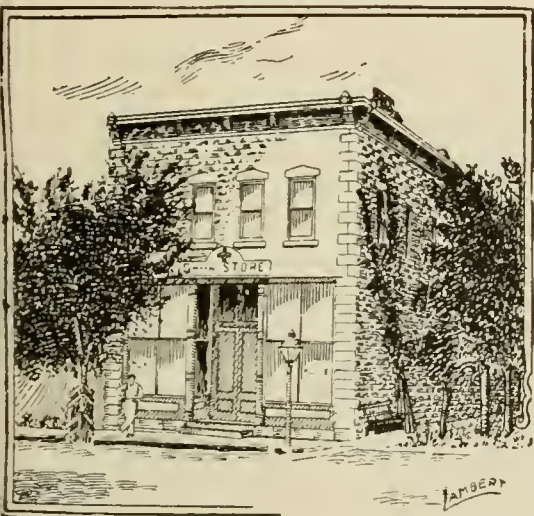
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COURT-HOUSE, ALMA.



ALMA NATIONAL BANK, ALMA.
(Palenske Block).



MR. F. C. SIMON'S STORE, ALMA.



KINNE & KERANS BLOCK, ALMA.

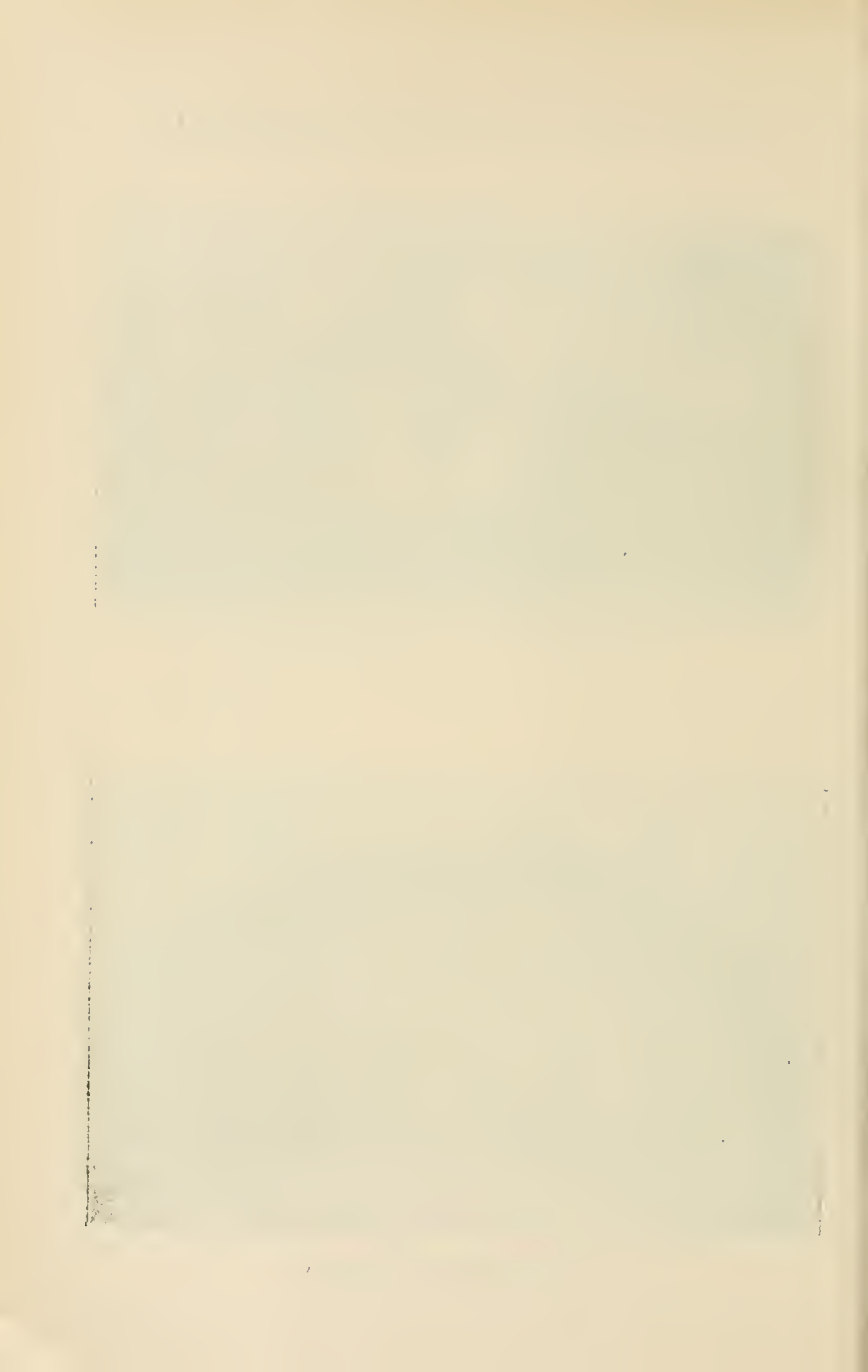
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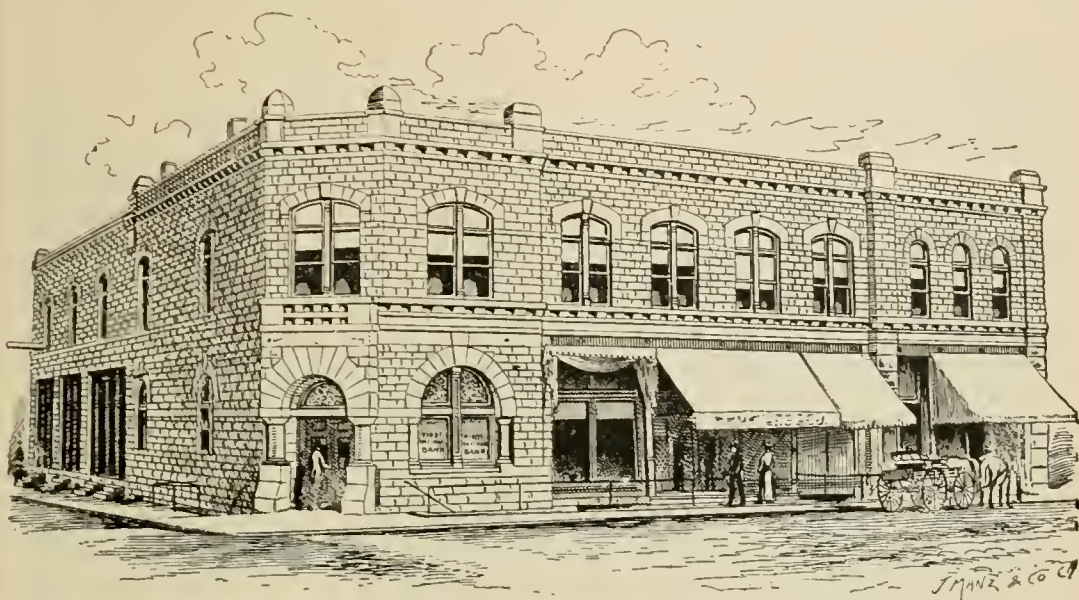
RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. MESEKE, ALMA.



THE NEW COMMERCIAL, ALMA.
Mr. S. E. Hull, Proprietor.



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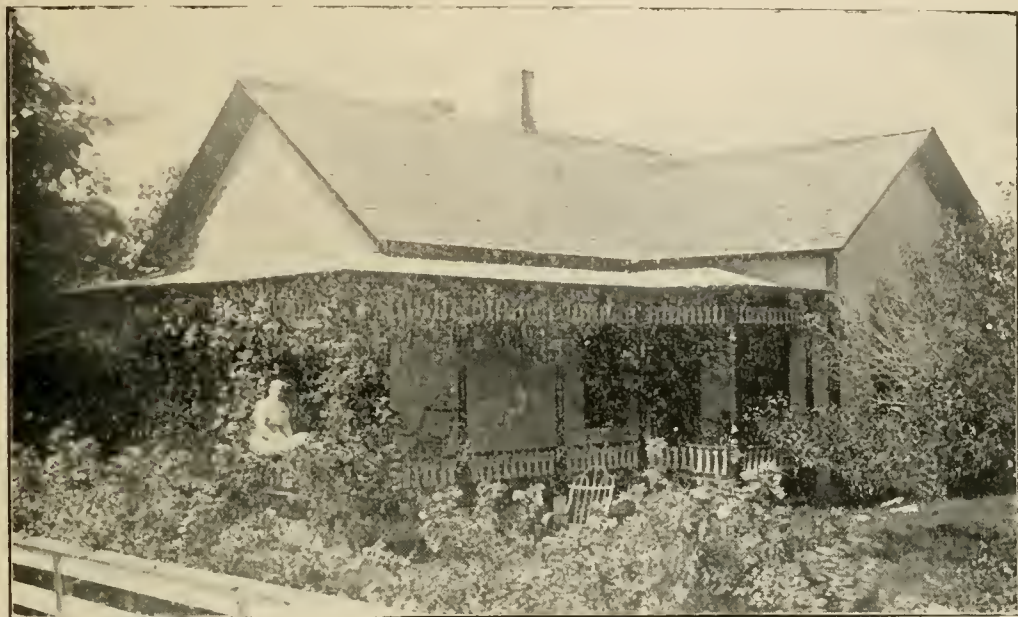
THE LIMERICK & CRAFTS BLOCK, ALMA.



THE DENVER HOUSE, MCFARLAND.
Mr. Gottlieb Noller, Proprietor.



EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



RESIDENCE OF JUDGE THEODORE S. SPIELMAN, ALMA.



RESIDENCE OF MR. CAREY E. CARROLL, ALMA.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



RESIDENCE OF MR. ARTHUR WINKLER, McFARLAND.



MR. ARTHUR WINKLER'S STORE, McFARLAND.

MR. E. C. D. LINES (Dec'd)

Was born May 9, 1836, in New Haven, Connecticut. Was educated in the New Haven city schools and at Prof. Lovell's private school. Was a son of Hon. C. B. Lines, president of the Connecticut colony, coming to Kansas with the colony in 1856. On May 24, 1857, was united in marriage to Miss Grace A. Thomas, to which union two children were born, Lizzie and Edna. Mr. Lines was elected register of deeds in 1859, and clerk of the district court the same year. Was clerk of the board of supervisors until 1861, when he joined the army. Was captain of Co. B. 2d Kansas, and was killed on the skirmish line near Fort Smith, Arkansas, September 1, 1863. Was a man of sterling worth and a promising future. It was in his honor the Lines Post, Alma, was named.

G. W. GILLIS

Was born at Kinsman, Trumbull county, Ohio, November 3, 1832. Came to Kansas in 1855. Landed at Kansas City and walked to Topeka, then a town principally composed of shacks. One of these where he boarded is yet standing—a short distance north of the Shawnee mills. Afterwards went to Lawrence. Drove stage from Lawrence to Quindaro. Boarded at same house with a printer named Plumb, with whom he was well acquainted—long before Plumb was thought of for U. S. senator. Saw Lane shoot Jenkins at Lawrence and was principal witness. Served four years in the army during the war—was a member of the 6th Ohio cavalry and also a member of the 1st Kansas cavalry, in border ruffian war, of which company Jim Legates was captain. In 1866, was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Murdoch, of Kinsman, Ohio, a daughter, now Mrs. F. A. Seaman, being born to this union. Mr. Gillis owns a farm of 190 acres of first class land on Mission creek, but is now a resident of Alma. Is full of old time reminiscences and though nearing the three score and ten mark is hale and hearty and has lost none of that genial spirit that has always been a characteristic of one of our most highly esteemed citizens.

C. L. DAVIS.

Chet Davis was born at Auburn, Kansas, September 15, 1861. Received a good common school education—enough to make his way through the world, he thought, and has had no reason to complain so far. On March 23, 1882, was united in marriage to Miss Emma L. Saffle, to which union nine children were born, eight of whom are

still living: Jennie, Hadie, Jeff, Winnie, Daisy, Ora, Clarence, and Frank. Mr. Davis is one of the firm of Davis Bros., who own 1,280 acres of good land and pasture 6,000 head of cattle. Is also one of the firm of Fields & Davis, who deal largely in real estate, make loans, and write insurance. Mr. Davis owns one of the coziest homes in Alma and has hosts of friends who hope he may long enjoy it.

CHARLES DAILEY

Was born near Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, February 16, 1842. Moved with his parents to Indiana in 1855, and to Kansas, August 7, 1874. Has followed transfer work nearly all his life—first in the logging camps with oxen and afterwards with horses. Was engaged in freighting between Alma and Wamego before the railroad was built, and freighted for Schmitz & Meyer when they were in the general merchandise business in Alma and is still handling goods for the firm. Charley has seen many of the ups and downs of pioneer life in the northwest and though coming to Wabaunsee county twenty years after the first settlers, came in time to see the country in its infancy. Mr. Dailey is a lover of children and Harry Newman, his able assistant, is a son by adoption.

WM. PRINGLE

Was born in Roxburgshire, Scotland, August 21, 1856. Came to Canada with his parents when but two years of age, and to Kansas at the age of 14. Is one of the progressive farmers of Plumb township and now resides at the old Pringle homestead. Was twice elected clerk of his home township and held the office of trustee two terms. But the best proof of Mr. Pringle's standing among the people who know him best was his election in November, 1900, to the office of county commissioner, a position he still holds. Is a capable and efficient officer, making a creditable record in one of the most important positions within the gift of the people.

MR. J. M. ECK (Dec'd)

Was born in New York City, January 6, 1852. Received an excellent educational training in the city schools. Came to Alma in 1878, and two years later was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Thoes, to which union eight children were born. Mr. Eck held an exalted place in the esteem of the people, he having been several times elected as a

member of the city council and mayor of the city. Served the people three years as county commissioner and at the time of his death was a member of the school board. For many years Mr. Eck was resident manager of the Chicago Lumber Co. Whether as a private citizen or as a public official, deceased was one and the same—ever mindful of the interests of all. But it was in the home that the best points in his character shone brightest. To his friends he was ever loyal and true, but to his family he was more than devoted—ever mindful of the duty devolving on him as a friend and counselor.

MR. H. P. THOMPSON (Dec'd)

Was born in Union county, Ohio, December 14, 1835. Came to Kansas in 1878. In 1856, was united in marriage to Miss Refina Rudolph, three sons and three daughters being born to this union: George, Charles, and John, and Rhoda, Sarah, and Hattie. On February 25, 1898, death came without warning at his home on Hendricks creek. Deceased was a man with a warm heart and of a sympathetic nature. His affections were centered in and about the home circle, from which he was so suddenly taken away.

PETER THOES

Was born in Germany, November 1, 1821. Came to America in 1854, and to Kansas the following year, March 1, 1856, locating on the farm where he died, May 30, 1894. On January 19, 1862, was united in marriage to Miss Ernestine Dieball, to which union five children were born: Albert, Ernest, Mrs. Olga Morris, and Hulda, Anielia dying at the age of 14 years. Mrs. Thoes owned a thousand acres of the best farming and grazing land in the county—well stocked and with excellent improvements. Mr. Thoes was a man of industrious habits and sterling integrity—characteristics that secured him an enviable place in the esteem of the people.

FREDERICK STEINMEYER, SR.

Was born January 11, 1824, in Lippe Detmold, Germany. Came to America December 21, 1856, and to Kansas March 9, 1857. Was educated at Ampt Schwalenburg, Germany. On November 3, 1858, was united in marriage to Miss Frederika Holzapple, to which union nine children were born: Anna, Henrietta, Louisa, Helena, Caroline, Carl, Henry, Frederic, and John. Mr. Steinmeyer owns 320 acres of good

farming land and has made a success of his chosen calling. Has gone through all the hardships incident to pioneer life and in his declining years has the satisfaction of knowing he has done his duty to the world, and in so doing has secured for himself and family the esteem of all.

J. V. CONNELL

Was born in Aurora, Indiana, July 2, 1867. Came to Kansas with his parents in his infancy. Received a good common school education and when but a young man learned the trade of blacksmith, a calling for which he is naturally adapted, having proven himself one of the best mechanics in the country. Owns a first class shop and knows how to run it. On March 30, 1892, was united in marriage to Miss Kate Hahn, at San Marcial, New Mexico, working at his trade in the territory more than five years. He is a diligent worker and is well liked by all his acquaintances.

L. A. WALKER

Was born at Hinton, West Virginia, August 1, 1868. Came to Kansas February 28, 1898. On October 16, 1901, was united in marriage to Miss Sue I. Haller. Dr. Walker is a graduate of the University of Old Virginia, also of the Kansas Medical College. Enjoys a lucrative practice and has the confidence of the people, the best requisite to that success that is already assured.

JAMES E. JOHNSON

Was born November 5, 1808, in Lewis county, Kentucky. On December 12, 1850, was united in marriage to Miss Alice Disbrow, five children being born to this union: James M., Virginia, Martha, Thomas R., and John W. Of the daughters, Mrs. Virginia McPherson is a resident of Iola, Kansas, and Mrs. Martha Fields resides in Topeka. Of the sons, Thomas R. died in Streeter, Illinois, in 1893, and John W. died of typhoid fever at Corinth, Mississippi, a member of the 8th Kansas Volunteers. Mrs. James M. Johnson was born in Clinton county, Ohio, February 8, 1841, coming to Kansas with her husband in 1865. (See biography, page 267). Mr. James E. Johnson was one of the early pioneers of the Dragoon settlement, locating on a claim two miles west of Harveyville in 1857. Was a kind and genial gentleman of the old school.

S. G. CANTRILL

Was born April 15, 1849, at Snow Hill, Ohio. Came to Kansas, September 5, 1869, locating on Dagoon creek, two miles west of Harveyville. On July 4, 1872, was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Burroughs, to which union two children were born: Ora and Orville. Mr. Cantrill owns nearly 3,000 acres of the best farming land in Wabaunsee county, well improved and adapted to stock raising, his favorite employment—Mr. Cantrill being one of the most extensive dealers in stock in the county. Came to the country when it was new and by industry and good management has secured a place in the front ranks of those on whom Fortune has smiled from the beginning. But few men are more favorably known and none more highly esteemed than Squire Cantrill.

GEORGE A. FECHTER

Was born October 7, 1879, at Eppingen, Germany. Came to America with his parents when but two years of age, the family locating on West branch. Was educated in the common schools. At the age of 17 accepted a clerkship in a store in Alma, and after four years of efficient service went to Topeka, where he has launched out into business on his own account. The portrait shows Mr. Fechter as he appeared at the age of 21. The face bears the impress of a strong character and indicates a spirit of energy and perseverance that is bound to win success.

H. W. STEINMEYER

Is a Wabaunsee county boy, having been born in Farmer township, July 9, 1866. Received a sound educational training in the common schools of the county. On August 3, 1895, was united in marriage to Miss Carrie E. Droege, three children being born to this union: Mildred, Cordelia, and Irene. Mr. Steinmeyer is the owner of a fine farm of 320 acres and besides shipping a car load of prime cattle and hogs occasionally, is a breeder of Duroc Jersey swine, his Egypt Valley herd being the best of the kind in the country. The illustration speaks for itself—commendatory of the owner's persevering effort and success in reaching the topmost round of the ladder in his particular branch. Mr. Steinmeyer always has a few choice lots on sale, and the number of shipments made furnish the best proof of the growing popularity of his herd.

MR. ALLEN PHILLIPS (Dec'd)

Was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, June 12, 1819. Received an excellent educational training in the schools of his native city. On March 3, 1836, was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Graham, ten children being born to this union, seven of whom are still living: Levi, now at El Reno, Oklahoma; Nancy Jane Ralston, of Washington; Mrs. Mary E. Walker, Paxico; James, in Oklahoma; Allen A., of Vera; William, in California, and Mrs. Martha Higbee, of Fairbury, Illinois. Before coming to Kansas, Mr. Phillips had resided in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin, and had made two overland trips to California, once with cattle in 1850, and again with a drove of horses in 1864. In 1868, Mr. Phillips came to Wabaunsee county, being among the first settlers after the opening of the Pottawatomie reserve. Was one of the five men who laid out the town of Newbury, and had aid been granted the Santa Fe Railway, Newbury would today rank among the largest cities in Kansas west of the Missouri river. Mr. Phillips was a man of strong personal character, owned a thousand acres of land and was one of the largest farmers and most extensive wheat raisers in the county. Was county commissioner in the years 1872 and 1873, and was always at the front in the advancement of any public enterprise. (See notes of June 30, 1878, when Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, without a moments warning were called home—in life, esteemed by everyone, and their death universally regretted.

W. H. LYONS

Was born October 14, 1842, in New York City. Came to Kansas in April, 1865. November 4, 1869, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Mahan. One daughter, Mrs. Bertha Martin, being born to this union. In 1867 Mr. Lyons was appointed deputy sheriff by J. H. Pinkerton, serving two years. Was also deputy under Sheriffs Herrick, Gardner, Russell, and Palenske—some of his early experiences as an official being among the most exciting periods of the county's history—see page 241. Served several terms as city marshal. During the Civil War was corporal in Co. B, 11th New York infantry, and has served several terms as Commander of Ed. Lines Post of the G. A. R. at Alma. Mr. Lyons is a carpenter by trade, and though in his 60th year, would pass muster as twenty years younger. But Mrs. Lyons is the older pioneer, having lived on the borders of the Pottawatomie reserve when the settlers slept in their corn fields from choice—at a time when "Dutch Bill" was supplying the Indians with firewater of his own manufacture. Mrs. Lyons tells of Grifenstein's air castles—

how through the tact and the protection afforded by his Cheyenne wife, he expected to amass a fortune* big enough to enable him to live at his ease—without the wife's further assistance. He discarded his Cheyenne bride for Chief Burnett's daughter, and died with barely enough of this world's wealth to insure the once millionaire a decent burial.

*In 1864, while Grifenstein with his Cheyenne wife was on a visit with old friends in Alma and vicinity he would relate how his shrewd wife would trade cups of sugar for fifty dollar bills—the Indian holders not knowing the difference between a one dollar bill and a fifty. Query: Where did the Indians get the fifty dollar bills? Let the ghosts of the lone freighters who met their death on the banks of the Walnut in 1864 give answer. (See "A Timely warning," pages 136-138).

GEO. S. CONNELL

Was born February 17, 1839, in Aurora, Indiana. In August, 1862, enlisted in the 10th Kentucky Cavalry and was mustered out in September, 1863. On July 1, 1866, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret A. Nighbert, to which union six children were born, four of whom survive: Mrs. Cora Kasson, Mrs. Hattie Kasson, Joseph and Jethro. Though for years a resident on the Snokomo, Mr. and Mrs. Connell now reside in Paxico, where he is passing his declining years, enjoying the esteem of all.

AUGUST UTERMANN

Was born in Westphalia, Germany, December 25, 1857. A good educational training in the public school was supplemented by a course at the Agricultural college of Westphalia. Came to America in February, 1877, stopping in Wisconsin till the following November, when he came to Kansas, locating in Lyon county. In 1884 came to Alma, where he has since resided. In 1888 was united in marriage to Miss Mary Undorf, three daughters being born to this union: Maria, Augusta and Sophia. Ever since coming to Alma Mr. Utermann has been engaged in the livery business. Has built up a good trade and has a constantly increasing patronage.

MR. JOSEPH TREU (Dec'd)

Was born in Gottingen, Germany, June 22, 1833. Came to America in 1850, enlisting soon after in the regular army, serving on the border under General Harney in several campaigns against the

Sioux Indians. Was in the engagement at Ash Hollow and for a time was stationed at Fort Laramie, protecting the overland traffic to Salt Lake and California. Came to Wabaunsee county in 1857, and on April 20, 1859, was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Klein, to which union seven children, three sons and four daughters were born: Mr. Treu received the benefit of a collegiate education and was eminently fitted for the many official positions he was called on to fill during his lifetime. Besides township and school district offices, he served the people eight years as county commissioner and two years as representative in the state legislature—filling each and every position with credit to himself and honor to his constituents. On April 27, 1901, an eventful life was closed—a man, beloved by the people, one whom they delighted to honor, had gone to rest.

SAMUEL R. WEED

Was born in Marblehead, Massachusetts, February 21, 1832. Came to Kansas in the fall of 1850. Received the benefit of a collegiate education at Wilbraham, Massachusetts, thoroughly fitting himself—from an educational standpoint—for the battle of life. In 1861, Mr. Weed was elected register of deeds. In 1862, 1864, and 1866, was elected clerk of the district court. In 1865, was elected county treasurer, and in 1867 was elected to the offices of county clerk, register of deeds, and surveyor, and in 1868, district clerk and representative. The battle of life was on. The county had no safe in those days, but the old settlers will tell you there was no need of a safe—Sam carried the funds in his vest pocket. In those days the office sought the man and Mr. Weed was found as many as three times in a single campaign—holding as many as five offices at one and the same time. But there were no newspapers then and consequently no kicking. Mr. Weed's portrait is from a photograph taken while a member of the legislature. Today, he is the same genial "Sam" as of old—kind hearted to the core, and brimming full of reminiscences of Auld Lang Syne. May he live long to relate them.

ALDEN E. TRUE

Was born in West Corinth, Orange county, Vermont, June 7, 1845. Good educational training in the common schools was supplemented by a two years course in the seminary at New Hampton, New Hampshire. In 1870, Mr. True came to Kansas, locating on the farm in Newbury township, where he has since resided. In January, 1878, was united in marriage to Miss Marcia L. Castle, to which union two sons

and two daughters were born. The many evidences of good will and confidence reposed in Mr. True by the people are indicated by the fact that he has served one year as township clerk, three years as trustee and more than twenty years as a member of the school board. Was three years county commissioner and for four years was state senator; filled each and every office with credit to himself and honor to the people he represented in the full meaning of the term. Assenator, Mr. True was especially interested in securing liberal appropriations for state and educational institutions, believing that the people and the state are insured the best returns from funds thus expended. Mr. True owns one of the neatest country homes in the county (see illustration), located near the center of a fine farm of 965 acres. Is one of our most influential citizens and is universally esteemed—a fact too often proven to admit of successful contradiction, and a statement in no danger of being challenged.

A. A. JONES

Was born November 18, 1844, at Syracuse, Ohio. On October 22, 1865, was united in marriage to Miss Maria Lanius, to which union seven children were born: Cora, Sheldon, Ed., Clyde, Nettie, Pearl, and Ellice. Mr. Jones owns a fine farm of 320 acres, at Bradford, the J. M. Meredith homestead, where he is engaged in mixed farming and stock raising. Has attained success by years of industry, good management and up-to-date methods. Has an interesting family and a pleasant home, and enjoys the esteem of all.

JOHN PETERSON

Was born in Denmark, December 5, 1833. Came to America in 1863, locating in Connecticut. In 1870, came to Kansas, settling on a homestead three miles northwest of Eskridge, where he lived until his death, on June 17, 1894, at the age of 64 years. But few men have fought the battle of life against greater odds than did Mr. Peterson. To the young men of today he set an example that they might well consider. With a determination to win he knew no such word as fail. He started literally at the bottom of the ladder but before the end came had left his family located in a comfortable home. At first he dug into the bank for a place to rest at night, from the laborious employment in which he always engaged during the day. He quarried rock and wheeled them to the place selected for a home on a wheelbarrow of his own make. For mortar he used clay, and when the walls had reached the proper height a roof of sod was laid to shed the

rain and snow. The quarters were comfortable, not elegant, maybe, but—it was home. But provisions must be had. He had no money, but strong arms, and with these he sought employment at Topeka. The provisions earned by hard labor were wheeled home on that home-made wheelbarrow. To say that John Peterson succeeded in gaining a competency for himself and family would be superfluous. Christiana Peterson died June 5, 1894, at the age of 60 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Peterson eight children were born, six of whom are living: H. P., Mary, John, Samuel, Curtis, and Fred. If the children but follow the example of their worthy parents success is theirs—and happiness and contentment, as well.

WALDO G. BURROUGHS

Was born in New York, November 7, 1846. Came to Kansas in 1869. On November 15, 1876, was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Cantrill, to which union four children were born: Lilly, Leona, Edna and Allie. Owns 160 acres of good land on which he erected one of the coziest farm homes in Wabaunsee county, planned by his worthy helpmeet, whose ability as an architect is proven by practical demonstration in a practical way. A part of Mr. Burroughs' farm was the John Meredith homestead. The original claim house was an 8x10 frame, in which a part of the first term of school in Dist. 27 was taught by Marlon Meredith. The house wasn't very big but several pupils from outside districts could have been accommodated—if there had been any outside districts. Sunday school was held here, and, occasionally, Mr. Joseph Hughes exhorted and Mr. W. S. McCormick preached. Near at hand is a hole of water where, in 1870, Mr. McCormick baptized a half dozen converts to the faith that brings solace to the soul, buoys up the frail body while here, and fits us for that better life beyond the grave.

MR. HENRY MICHAELIS, SR. (Dec'd)

Was born in Luxemburg, Germany, January 20, 1823. Came to America in 1847, locating at Indianapolis, Indiana. On June 19, 1851, was united in marriage to Katharine Ruf, at Indianapolis, where he resided until 1868, when he came to Topeka, Kansas. In February, 1870, came to Wabaunsee county, locating at Newbury. To Mr. and Mrs. Michaelis ten children were born, nine of whom are now living: Floribert, Robert, and Joseph (these three living at Indianapolis); Lizzie Glotzbach and George, of Los Angeles, California; John, Henry, Nicholas, and Mrs. Margaret Eagan—living in this county. Mr.

Michaelis was a carpenter by trade. He also owned a nice farm, on which he lived at the time of his death, on January 9, 1894, Mrs. Michaelis dying but two days later, at the age of 66 years. Mr. and Mrs. Michaelis were kind and genial to all and were universally esteemed.

JOHN H. MICHAELIS

Was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 27, 1852, being the eldest son of Henry Michaelis, Sr. (deceased). Came to Kansas with his parents when 16 years of age. On November 28, 1878, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Schroeder, of Indianapolis, seven children being born to this union, six of whom are living: John, William, Nicholas, Frank, Clara, and Leo. Mr. Michaelis, like his father before him, is a carpenter by trade, but has taken time to serve the people, faithfully, in one of the most responsible offices in the gift of the people—that of county treasurer—serving two terms, from 1892 to 1896. Is an up-to-date farmer and one of our most substantial citizens.

FRANK HODGSON

Was born July 13, 1862, on the farm, near Harveyville, on which he has resided all his life. On March 14, 1886, was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Woods, four children being born to this union: Alta, Archie, Louis, and Ernest. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson were both engaged in teaching prior to their marriage and are probably the oldest married couple, both of whom were born in the county. Mr. Jehu Hodgson, father of the subject of this notice, was the first sheriff of Wabaunsee county, being three times elected. Brought the first team of horses into the Dragoon settlement. Mr. Frank Hodgson has followed in the footsteps of his father, being one of the leading horse breeders of the county. Was three years president of the Old Settlers' association and enjoys the confidence and esteem of every one.

W. S. WHITLOCK

Was born near Belleville, Illinois, February 4, 1874, his parents coming to Kansas the following year, locating in Kaw township. A good educational training in the district schools was supplemented by a full course of instruction at the Campbell University at Holton, taking in addition a special course in civil engineering. For several

years Mr. Whitlock has been engaged in teaching, being in the front rank of laborers in the work of the school room. In 1889, was elected to the office of county surveyor and is the present incumbent in that important office. Mr. Whitlock is the youngest county officer, is popular with the people, especially with those of his own township.

JOHN MOCK

Was born in Prussia, Germany, November 14, 1836. In 1845, when but nine years of age, came with his parents to America, locating at Davenport, Iowa. In 1850, the family moved to Illinois, where Mr. Mock remained until 1869, when he came to Kansas, where he now resides—two miles north of Paxico. In 1858, Mr. Mock was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Meinhardt, fifteen children being born to this union, nine living, all in the vicinity of Newbury: Mrs. Elibabeth Schmitz, Valentine, Mrs. Emma Rickstatter, James, Pauline, William, Mrs. Caroline Zeller, John, and Josephine. Mr. Mock is one of the prosperous farmers and stock raisers of Newbury township. He was for many years a justice of the peace and one of the influential citizens who could always be relied upon in securing the rights of the people in the game of politics. Mr. Mock's father, Nicholas Mock, a fine old gentleman of the old school, died in 1900, at the advanced age of 93 years. The son (in the illustration), Mr. Valentine Mock, is also a prosperous farmer and one of the rising men of influence in Newbury township. Edward sits on his papa's lap, and if longevity is the rule in the family in the future as in the past, he, as a representative of the fourth generation, may have the pleasure of showing this picture of four generations to his great, great, grandchildren.

GEORGE S. BURT

Was born in Walworth county, Wisconsin, in 1838. Received an excellent educational training at the high school in New Britain, Connecticut. Came to Kansas in November, 1859, and on March 16, 1863, was united in marriage to Miss Lulu B. Lines, to which union nine children were born, six of whom are living: F. L., George S., Henry F., Sherman B., Chas. L., and Louis B. When Mr. Burt came to Kansas, he walked from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Wabaunsee. Had just ten cents in money on his arrival. Now owns one of the best farms in the county, 160 acres of the best bottom land in the Kaw Valley. Served eleven years as township trustee and took the census of the county in 1870. Is a leading citizen and enjoys the confidence of the people.

ALBERT MUCKENTHALER

Was born in Scott county, Minnesota, June 9, 1862. Came to Kansas in 1869, and on October 22, 1891, was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Ebert, to which union six children were born, four of whom survive: Abbie, Walter, Viola, and Lawrence. Owns an excellent farm of 140 acres—all bottom, but devotes the greater part of his time to buying and shipping hogs and cattle. Always pays the highest price the condition of the markets will allow and in all his dealings follows the precepts of the golden rule.

EDWIN FORREST MOORE

Was born at Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, May 6, 1856. Came to Kansas in December, 1886, and two years later was united in marriage to Miss Anna B. Crawford, to which union two children were born: Arthur N. and Florence A. Moore. Dr. Moore is a graduate of the Kansas City Medical College and a post graduate of one of the leading medical colleges in the City of Chicago. Is pleasantly located at Eskridge, where he enjoys a lucrative practice.

F. M. MEREDITH

Was born in Coles county, Missouri, January 10, 1847. Came to Kansas in 1869 and in 1870 was united in marriage to Miss Sue D. Carter, three children being born to this union. Besides a nice home Mr. Meredith is proprietor of the Hotel Meredith, at Eskridge. Is a popular landlord and in conjunction with his estimable wife, has demonstrated to the traveling public that the leading hotel at Eskridge is an institution of which that thriving little city may well be proud.

GEORGE G. CORNELL

Was born November 20, 1828, in Bristol, Ontario county, New York, coming to Kansas in 1879, locating at Alma. Received excellent educational advantages at Canandagua Academy, supplemented by the full course at Genessee College, of which he is a graduate. Received his degree as Bachelor of Laws at the State and National Law School, at Poughkeepsie, New York, graduating with the highest honors. On January 3, 1873, was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Emma Avery. Besides nearly seven hundred acres of land in Wabaunsee county, Mr. and Mrs. Cornell own several fine residence properties

in Topeka, where the family now resides. On September 27, 1881, Mr. Cornell met with one of the severest losses of a life time by the burning of the Krueger building—the first big fire in Alma. Besides a library of more than a thousand volumes, many of them very valuable, many family portraits and souvenirs, much valuable manuscript was consumed. Among the latter was the manuscript of a legal work on Vested Rights and Eminent Domain that Mr. Cornell, after years of hard labor, had just completed and had ready for publication. In 1894, Mr. Cornell was elected to the state legislature, his legal knowledge and matured judgment eminently fitting him for the responsible position. Mr. Cornell is well versed in the law, meeting with unusual success in his practice. He is conservative and conscientious and in an enviable degree has a warm place in the hearts of the people.

C. J. GLOTZBACH

Was born October 1, 1851, in Harrison county, Indiana. Came to Kansas, April 18, 1870. On May 28, 1878, was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Fischer, to which union were born nine children. Besides owning 320 acres of excellent farm land Mr. Glotzbach is carrying one of the largest and best assorted stocks of goods in Wabaunsee county, succeeding by purchase to the business for years successfully carried on by Bolton Bros. Mr. Glotzbach enjoys a fine trade and is making a success of the mercantile business as he has heretofore on the farm.

WILLIAM ROGGE

Was born October 9, 1861, in Grant county, Wisconsin, coming to Kansas in 1886. On May 1, 1901, was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Guest, one of Alma's most popular young ladies and for several years a saleslady with Bolton Bros., of Paxico, and Erbachers, of St. Marys. Since 1888 Mr. Rogge has operated a threshing machine and elevator and has been a dealer in feed, paying the highest cash prices for grain. Is a stirring business man who has attained success by treating the people right.

W. H. EARL (Dec'd)

Was born in Richland county, Ohio, November 2, 1829. Moved with his parents to Indiana. Came to Kansas in 1869, locating on a homestead one mile east of Eskridge, where he died December 20, 1885. In 1877, Mr. Earl opened a small country store at the "Corners." In

1880, when the M. A. & B. was completed to Eskridge the small stock of goods was removed to the new town, and from a small beginning a large trade was soon established. After his death, in 1885, the business was continued under the firm name of Earl Bros., until Charlie's death, November 23, 1899, since which time Mr. W. H. Earl, Jr., has conducted one of the largest dry goods and grocery stores in the county. In the Civil war Mr. Earl was a member of the 4th Iowa Battery, the photograph showing him in his uniform being the only one available. Of the family but four children survive, two of the daughters living in Washington and two sons in Eskridge, Mr. Ed. Earl and Mr. W. H. Earl, Jr., proprietor of the store.

C. C. COPP

Was born July 3, 1876, at Paxico, Kansas. Received a good, practical education in the common schools. On March 15, 1898, was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Klein, an estimable young lady of Kansas City. Since July 7, 1878, has been engaged in the grocery business with

HERMAN B. OEHMS

Another popular young man, of Eskridge, but for many years a resident of Paxico.

Mr. Oehms was born August 2, 1878, and the business is conducted under the firm name of Copp & Oehms—two young men who have won their way to popular favor by honest and fair dealing and strict business methods.

ANTON SCHEWE

Was born in Prussia, Germany, November 2, 1830. Landed in New York, January 20, 1851, locating at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Came to Kansas in the spring of 1856, settling on the farm on which he still resides. Owns 800 acres of good farming and grazing lands in Wabaunsee county and 900 acres in Louisiana, the value of which is likely to reach the million mark. For fifteen years Mr. Schewe was elected trustee of what was then Alma township—Farmer township having since been organized—an excellent proof of his standing in the community where he resides. Mr. and Mrs. Schewe have four children: Mary, Willie, Anton, and Clara, and are pleasantly located in a comfortable home five miles south of Alma.

M. JESTER

Was born November 23, 1838, in Camden, Delaware. Came to Kansas in 1867, and to Wabaunsee county two years later. On October 6, 1872, was united in marriage to Miss Kate Woodard, a daughter, Mrs. Birdie Cartwright, being born to this union. Mrs. Kate Jester dying, was a second time married—to Mrs. Jennie Lowe, on June 18, 1890. Mr. Jester has held the offices of township trustee and treasurer, owns 238 acres of good farming land and by industry and well directed energy has attained that degree of success of which he is in every way deserving.

MR. E. H. SANFORD (Dec'd)

Was born January 24, 1822, in Allegheny county, New York. Came to Kansas in 1857, and to Eskridge in 1868. In 1863, was united in marriage to Mary J. St. John, two daughters being born to this union. Col. Sanford, as he was always called, was educated at Ann Arbor, Michigan, being a graduate of the law department of the University of Michigan. As a man of letters Col. Sanford ranked far above many who attained wider distinction. As a financier he was a failure. But he possessed stores of wealth denied to others better equipped to win smiles from that fickle goddess—Fortune. He was a man with a resourceful brain and generous impulses. He was the father of Eskridge. And yet when he staked his all on the issue; when he invested his last dollar in the first house built in Eskridge there were doubting Thomases who tapped their foreheads with ominous meaning. But later on when a change of 19 votes would have made Eskridge the county seat, opinions derogatory to the Colonel's judgment underwent a change. To his persistence is due the fact that, today, Eskridge has a place on the map. Let credit be given to whom it is due. On April 11, 1901, at Columbus, Ohio, the spirit left the tenement of clay—the rays from a bright intellect had been extinguished; a man with a kind heart had gone home.

E. STURDY

Was born in Delaware county, Ohio, in 1858. Came to Kansas in 1883. On July 24, 1880, was united in marriage to Miss E. J. Flickinger, to which union seven children were born: Esther, Harry, Ralph, Guy, Dora, Ray, and Glenn. Mr. Sturdy is manager of the Freeman ranch, six miles southeast of Eskridge, owns 600 acres of land, and has attained a degree of success that is alike flattering to the man and to the country and conditions that have made that success possible.

AUGUST HANSEN

Was born in Schleswig Holstein, Germany, April 10, 1860. Came to America in 1880, and two years later, to Kansas. Received the benefits of a good education at Apenlarade, Germany. Owns an excellent farm of 160 acres, near McFarland, and one of the prettiest farm houses in the county. Is proprietor of the McFarland Creamery, and besides supplying the markets with the best quality of choice dairy butter has the contract for supplying the Rock Island eating house with cream—annually supplying the Rock Island management with more than three thousand gallons of choicest cream. His creamery is equipped with all the modern improvements and is one of the best in the country.

WILLIAM MAAS

Was born May 26, 1841, at Hagenow, Mecklenburg, Germany. Came to America in August, 1869, direct to Wabaunsee county, locating on the farm where he now resides—in one of the coziest farm residences in the county. (See illustration). Mr. Maas received a classical education in the city schools of Hagenow, and started out well equipped, from an educational stand-point, for the battle of life. On June 11, 1861, Mr. Maas was united in marriage to Miss Lisette Stellies, to which union nine children were born, five sons and four daughters. Mr. Maas owns 920 acres of good land, and the fact that he has served the people several years as justice of the peace and has been elected seven times as township trustee is the best indication of his high standing among those best informed as to his merits.

MR. PATRICK MAGUIRE (Dec'd)

Was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in March, 1828. Came to America in 1846, locating in Pennsylvania. Came to Kansas in 1871, but not did permanently locate here until 1873—on the farm where he died, on December 25, 1899, at the age of 71 years and 9 months. Mrs. Reahill Maguire died February 6, 1901, at the age of 75 years, 9 months and 5 days. To Mr. and Mrs. Maguire, four sons and a daughter were born, all but one son surviving: Hugh, John, and Pat, all living on and near the old homestead. Mary, the only daughter, is happily married and lives in Kansas City. Mr. Maguire owned a fine farm of 272 acres and by industry and economy had amply provided for his children. He was generous and warm hearted and of a kindred spirit was his worthy helpmeet.

MR. CHARLES N. EARL (Dec'd)

Was one of the men holding official place in Wabaunsee county who died in office. He had been mayor of his home town, Eskridge, two terms, and was serving his second term as county commissioner. He came to Wabaunsee county in 1869, with his parents, when he was but a small boy. Grew up in the old home near the "Corners," of which his father's homestead was a part. Carried on the mercantile business, the legacy of his father, for twenty-five years, and during that time never turned a deaf ear to the needy nor refused to lend a helping hand to the distressed. Mr. Earl died December 28, 1899. His estimable widow and an only daughter reside in Eskridge—a town in which Mr. Earl always took a leading part in the upbuilding.

L. T. RICE

Was born in West Hartford, Connecticut, September 2, 1852. Came to Kansas in 1856, with his parents, who located in Shawnee county. Mr. Rice was left motherless at the age of 7 years. Received a good common school education, supplemented by a course at a business college. His boyhood was spent on the farm and in driving three yoke of oxen, drawing material from Lawrence and Leavenworth, to Topeka, to erect what was then known as Lincoln College but now a part of Washburn. After the close of the Civil war returned with his parents to Connecticut, but after a two years residence again came to Kansas. Worked two years for the Santa Fe and again returned to the farm. Was married in 1880, and five years later came to this county, locating near Halifax. In 1890 was elected probate judge and two years later was re-elected. In 1899, was elected county commissioner and is the present incumbent in that office. Is a progressive farmer and a popular official.

JAMES H. LAWLOR

Was born October 5, 1830, at Buffalo, New York. Became a sailor and served twenty years steady on the lakes. Was captain on several boats. Served in the U. S. Navy during the Civil war. Came to Kansas in 1870, locating the first hotel in Eskridge. Was the town company's agent for the sale of the whole town site. Mr. Lawlor was the first station agent at Eskridge; was one of the first councilmen, and served three terms as mayor. On April 3, 1856, was united in marriage to Miss Mary F. Mansfield, four children being born to this union: Geo. H., Franklin H., Amy M. Swartz, and Lettie J.

Cosley. Mr. Lawlor has, from the day of its location been an enthusiastic advocate of the prosperity and upbuilding of Eskridge. His wife, Mrs. Mary Lawlor, was the first postmistress of Eskridge, and, with her husband, has done much to build up and beautify the town. She now conducts the Palace House in Eskridge, where she enjoys a large trade.

JOHN Y. WAUGH

Was born July 31, 1858, in Ontario, Canada. Received the best of educational advantages at Listowel, Ontario. In 1888 was united in marriage to Miss Sadie D. Gallagher, to which union five children were born: Grace, William, Ivan, John Y., Jr., and Davis. Long years of service in the banking business, combined with business sagacity of no ordinary degree have brought phenomenal success to one of Eskridge's most prominent citizens. Mr. Waugh's residence is commodious and handsome—one of the prettiest in the city.

DR. AUGUST BRASCHE (Dec'd)

Was born June 13, 1820. Came to Wabaunsee county in 1857, from Wyandotte, where he first located, running the largest drugstore in the city. On June 11, 1866, was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Schultz, of West Branch. Dr. Brasche was elected coroner March 28, 1859, and was re-elected six times in succession. Was township treasurer several terms and was eight times elected township trustee, holding that office at the time of his death, on March 19, 1883, after a few days illness with pneumonia, leaving an estimable wife, three sons and a daughter to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father, a most estimable citizen, and one who was probably more widely known than any other man in the county. Dr. Brasche was a graduate of one of the best medical colleges in Europe, located at Halverstadt, Prussia. In early life entered the Prussian army as Surgeon with the rank of Lieutenant. Was more than usually proficient in the art of surgery and on many occasions demonstrated his thorough familiarity with every detail of his profession.

LOUIS PALENSKE

Was born January 3, 1858, on the farm, near Alma. Received the benefits of a good educational training in the Alma city schools, under the supervision of Profs. Kroenke and Orlopp. On January 7, 1883, was united in marriage to Miss Emma Thoes, to which union three

sons: Max, Fred, and Arnold, and two daughters, Miss Minnie and little Laura, were born. In 1877, Mr. Palenske took up the study of photography, under the tutorship of the ablest masters of the art in Topeka and Kansas City, mastering the business in every detail and acquiring for himself a reputation as an artist of more than local celebrity. In 1882, Mr. Palenske opened a small book and stationery store; musical instruments and sewing machines were added until his business was immense in volume, and today he carries perhaps the largest stock of a similar kind in the county. In 1888, banking on a small scale was added to his list of business ventures, under the firm name of L. Palenske & Co. Later, in 1889, this was merged into the Alma State Bank, and on January 3, 1898, into the Alma National Bank, of which excellent institution Mr. Palenske has been cashier since the organization of the bank. In 1896, Mr. Palenske was elected representative in the state legislature, and in this as well as in all other positions of honor and trust, acquitted himself with credit to himself and to his constituents. No man in Wabaunsee county is more widely known and more highly esteemed than is Mr. Palenske. His father, Mr. Fred Palenske, was one of the earliest pioneers, settling on the line of the Pottawatomie reserve when there were but few white neighbors and when log houses were the rule, and they, few and far between.

MR. HENRY GRAVES (Dec'd)

Was born in Prussia, Germany, July 9, 1844. Came to America in April, 1865, and to Kansas in 1876. On November 9, 1870, was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Grafar, eight children being born to this union: Lizzie, Katie, Harry, Emma, William, May, Dora, and Lena. On July 23, 1900, Mr. Graves died at his home, near McFarland. He owned 320 acres of land and by industry and economy had accumulated a handsome competency for a worthy family who were left to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father.

A. R. STROWIG

Was born January 9, 1863, in Jackson county, Kansas. Received the benefit of an excellent educational training in the Holton city schools. On October 24, 1887, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kaul, to which union five children were born: Warner, Harry, Edna, Olive, and Elmer. Mr. Strowig built the first house on the present site of Paxico and resides in one of the coziest homes in the city. Started in business in 1887 and by a strict attention to the wants of

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



POYNTZ AVENUE, MANHATTAN, 1866.

A government train on the way to Fort Leavenworth — taking forage.



RESIDENCE OF MR. S. H. FAIRFIELD, ALMA.

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BOLTON BROS. (NOW C. J. GLOTZBACH'S) STORE, PAXICO.



RESIDENCE OF MR. C. O. KINNE, ALMA.

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RESIDENCE MR. FRED REUTER, Alma.



RESIDENCE OF MR. J. B. CASSIDY, Alma.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. C. TOMSON, Paxico.



RESIDENCE OF DR. O. E. WEBB, Paxico.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. GEORGE SUTHERLAND, Alma.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. E. MEYER, Alma.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. J. C. HENDERSON, Alma.



RESIDENCE OF MR. MORITZ HUND, near Paxico.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. J. R. HENDERSON, Alma.



RESIDENCE OF MR. E. STURDY, Manager Freeman Ranch, Bradford.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. MATT THOMSON,
Alma.



RESIDENCE OF MR. J. H. STUEWE,
Alma.



RESIDENCE OF MR. GUS SCHROEDER,
Alma.



RESIDENCE OF WM. RICKERSHAUSER,
Near Halifax.



RESIDENCE OF MR. ROBERT STROWIG, near Paxico.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. C. L. DAVIS, Alma.



RESIDENCE OF MR. J. H. McMAHAN, Alma.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. J. R. FIX, VOLLAND, 1901.



RESIDENCE OF MR. ALBERT DIEBALL, NEAR ALMA, 1901.

his customers has acquired a handsome competency. Deals in grain and live stock, hardware, implements, etc. Is an up-to-date business man and his success is already assured.

JOSEPH GLOTZBACH, SR.

Was born in Groshertzog, Germany, February 12, 1825. Came to America in 1839. After one year's residence in Louisville, Kentucky, the family moved to Indiana. In 1856, moved to Wisconsin and in 1870, came to Kansas, locating in Newbury township. In 1849, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Sendelbach, to which union eight children were born: Charles, George, William, Rosa, Kate, Joseph, Mary (deceased), and Valentine. For eight years prior to his marriage Mr. Glotzbach was a cigar maker. With the exception of his son, George, who, in November, 1900, moved to California, the children live in Newbury township, within a short distance of the old homestead—where, in peace and quietude, Mr. Glotzbach, Sr., and his estimable helpmeet live at ease, in the enjoyment of the fruits of a well spent life. (See illustration).

PHILLIP HUND

Was born in Mankato, Minnesota, October 13, 1865. Came to Kansas with his parents when but five years of age, the family locating near Newbury. Was educated in the district and parochial schools. On May 1, 1888, was united in marriage to Miss Anna Lamm, to which union seven children were born. Until September, 1900, Mr. Hund was one of the progressive farmers of Newbury township, but is at present proprietor of the Hotel Paxico, which, under his efficient management has attained a reputation as a popular stopping place with the traveling public—equalled by few and excelled by none.

CHARLES H. THOMPSON

Was born March 9, 1856, in Union county, Ohio. Came with his parents to Kansas in 1866, locating on the farm on Hendricks creek. A good common school education was supplemented by several years attendance at the Kansas State Agricultural College, at Manhattan. On December 11, 1877, was united in marriage to Miss Maria Myers, daughter of Rev. Hiram Myers. Mrs. Thompson died August 17, 1883, and Homer, the only child, died November 25, 1894. On March 18, 1885, was united in marriage to Miss Minnie C. Rand, four children being born to this union: Miss Mabel, Raymond C., George Eldon,

and Rollin. For a number of years Mr. Thompson occupied a leading place as teacher in the schools of Wabaunsee county. In November, 1897, was elected to the office of register of deeds of Wabaunsee county. After rendering the people efficient service for two years retired from office of his own volition and against the urgent wishes of his friends, considering his duty to his family and his own private business interests paramount to all other considerations. Though now a resident of Riley county he will ever occupy a warm place in the hearts of the people of Wabaunsee county.

LOUIS UNDORF

Was born in New York City, August 2, 1866. Came with his parents to Kansas in October, 1878, the family locating in Alma. Received the benefit of a good educational training in the city schools of Brooklyn, N. Y. When 17 years of age engaged as clerk with Mr. J. B. Cassidy, being consecutively employed by Messrs. Cassidy, Limerick, P. R. Meyers, Green, and Miller for eight years, when he went into business for himself as proprietor of the City Meat Market, in which he has been ever since engaged—his business growing from an infant industry to a volume that would do credit to any city of much larger pretensions than Alma. By a strict attention to business methods and the needs of his customers Mr. Undorf has achieved that degree of success of which he is in every way deserving.

CHARLES B. HENDERSON

Was born September 29, 1865, at Peoria, Illinois. Came to Kansas with his parents in 1872, the family settling in Mission Creek township. Received the benefit of a good educational training in the schools of Peoria, Illinois, and in those of his home district. Was deputy register of deeds six years. Was admitted to the Wabaunsee county bar in 1892, since which time has enjoyed a lucrative practice, but finds more agreeable and remunerative employment in looking after the investments being made by Henderson Bros. in mining properties in Arkansas and Wyoming. Is one of the organizers and principal stockholders of the Wyoming Copper & Gold Mining Co., it being the purpose of the Company to develop their valuable mining properties, twelve miles south of Grand Encampment, Wyoming, the investment already promising fabulous returns to the stockholders. Equally promising are the prospective returns from investments made in the Arkansas lead and zinc fields, valuable timber lands and marble quarries constituting auxiliary features none the less desirable. The

firm of Henderson Bros. is also largely engaged in the cattle and grazing business, real estate, loans, abstracting and insurance. The subject of this sketch is a thorough going business man, who, by honest dealing and strict application to business methods has secured the key to the door of success, the opening of which only awaits his bidding.

HERMAN ARNDT

Was born November 25, 1860, on the farm at Templin, where he now resides. On February 21, 1886, was united in marriage to Miss Ida Johnson, five children being born to this union: Eleanor, Arthur, Walter, Herman, and Gertrude. Mr. Arndt owns an excellent farm of 500 acres, and in addition to mixed farming is largely engaged in the business of raising thoroughbred Poland Chinas, the demand for which indicates the wide reputation achieved by his fine hogs. Mr. Arndt is not a politician but has served the people of Garfield and Washington townships four years as clerk and five years as township trustee. Was a popular official, but his duties on the farm engross his entire attention, leaving no time to indulge in the thankless and unprofitable game of politics.

MR. HEINRICH JOSEPH UNDORF (Dec'd)

Was born May 28, 1820, at Kommerscheid, Prussia. Came to Alma in October, 1878, from New York City, where he had lived many years, following the occupation of tailor from his boyhood days until his death, on December 17, 1901. Was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Thoës, eight children being born to this union: Mrs. Catharine Femmel, Mrs. Mary Utermaun, Charlie, Mrs. Theresa Orff, Louis, Sister Mary Leander, Mrs. Barbara Tenbrinck, and Hubert—worthy and estimable, all, as was their father before them—with a kindly face and a warm heart he passed the threshold of life with an unsullied name, and beloved by everyone.

E. WORSLEY

Was born in Upper Canada, July 1, 1848. Moved to Wappingers Falls, New York, in April, 1865, and from thence to Kansas, April 1, 1877. Received a good educational training, even though it was in a log school house in the woods of Upper Canada. On March 13, 1877, was united in marriage to Miss J. Whitehead, to which union seven children were born: John E., J. P., E. Rowland, Frank W., Fred

Arthur, Edith M., and Constance V. Worsley. In 1889, Mr. Worsley was elected county commissioner for a three years term, rendering the people efficient service in one of the most important offices in the gift of the people. Owns a good farm of 400 acres and is pleasantly located in a comfortable home in Maple Hill township.

W. G. WEAVER

Was born January 7, 1864, in New London, Connecticut. Came to Kansas with his parents when but four years of age, the family locating at Wabaunsee. Dr. L. P. Weaver, the father, was a skilled physician and for several years postmaster at Wabaunsee—where, on January 23, 1874, he died at the age of 74 years. -

On December 14, 1892, the subject of this notice was united in marriage to Miss Clara B. Chamberlain, to which union three children were born: Marguerite, Hall, and the baby—three months having passed in an unavailing search for a name pretty enough to fit the little one's personal appearance. Mr. Weaver served the people four years as clerk of the district court and several additional years as deputy. Was a capable official and as popular as efficient. Since November 1, 1899, has been engaged in the abstract business in Alma.

HENRY GRIMM

Was born June 16, 1831, in Weinsberg, Wurtemberg, Germany. Came to America in 1852 and five years later to Kansas, locating on the farm near Volland, where he now resides. Received excellent educational advantages, taking a college course at Meinfels, Germany. In 1857, was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Graaf, seven children being born to this union: Charles, Emma, Rosa, George, William, Edward, and Joseph. Mr. Grimm owns one of the largest farms in the county, there being 2,090 acres in the tract, 260 acres being in a high state of cultivation. The farm is stocked with 200 head of fine cattle, the place furnishing excellent pasturage for a much larger number. Though among the early settlers Mr. Grimm had no fear of the Indians. He manifested his friendship on so many occasions that a strong bond of mutual regard grew up between the pioneer settler and the sons of the forest. But on the plains Mr. Grimm didn't fare so well. (See page 119). Two gruesome souvenirs remind him of that life and death struggle at Platte Bridge in 1864. One arrow point passed entirely through his leg, the shaft protruding seven inches on either side. Another was buried three inches in his spine. But after weeks of suffering his health was partially restored. But though 38

years have gone by Mr. Grimm is constantly reminded of that savage onslaught of the Sioux Indians at Platte Bridge. Mr. Grimm is one of Wabaunsee county's most substantial citizens, who has proven by his works what can be accomplished by leading a life of industry, strict integrity, and a conscientious regard for the rights of his fellows.

WILLIAM TRUSLER

Was born October 10, 1853, in Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, New York. Came to Kansas in 1881, locating at Eskridge, where he has always been found doing business at the old stand. On September 25, 1883, was united in marriage to Miss Carrie M. Lown, two children being born to this union: Golden and Geraldine. Mr. Trusler has been engaged in the hardware business in Eskridge for 21 years and his success has been phenomenal. Besides being one of the thorough going, energetic business men of our neighboring city he has shown himself as generous and public spirited as he is far seeing and progressive—his donation to the Wesleyan Methodist College being the best of proof that any statement tending to create a favorable impression in Mr. Trusler's behalf cannot be overdrawn. Should the large stone building prove inadequate to the needs of the school in the near future neither Mr. Trusler nor his friends will have the least reason for regret. In proportion as the attendance shall increase in numbers just in that ratio will Mr. Trusler's wishes be gratified and the expectations of his friends be realized.

A. F. WADE

Was born October 29, 1843, at Kinsman, Trumbull county, Ohio. Received the benefits of an excellent educational training at James-town, Pennsylvania. On October 13, 1866, was united in marriage to Miss Orra C. Cole, two children being born to this union: Harmon C. and Dolson N. Wade. On March 26, 1868, came to Kansas, locating on the farm near Keene postoffice, where he has since resided. Taught school in Pennsylvania and for a number of years after coming to Kansas, taking a front place in the work of the school room. Was for several years a member of the board of examiners and from 1886 to 1889 was a member of the board of county commissioners, and in 1889, represented Wabaunsee county in the state legislature. Served all through the war—in the 2nd Ohio and the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry. Owns 2,900 acres of land and for several years has been largely interested in the cattle business. On July 4, 1872, Mr. and Mrs. Wade made the first cheese in the Keene factory. They own one of the

prettiest homes in Mission Creek township and enjoy it for the best of reasons—they know how they earned it—by tireless industry and hard knocks on the farm.

W. J. HINSHAW

Was born in Clay county, Indiana, March 15, 1849. Came to Kansas in March, 1871, and was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Elliott, at Anadarko, Oklahoma, on April 12, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw have four living children: L. M., Fred I., Mary A., and Everett B. Hinshaw. Since 1874, Mr. Hinshaw has lived on the farm, three miles northwest of Harveyville, but during the time has varied the monotony of farm work by the equally arduous duties of the school room, belonging to that class of teachers whose services are always in demand by school boards having at heart the true interests of the children under their immediate supervision.

M. P. EARLY

Was born August 30, 1838, in Adams county, Ohio. Came to Kansas, March 2, 1883. On December 2, 1862, was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Armstrong, at Cincinnati, Ohio, three children being born to this union: Mary M., Sarah V., and O. M. Early. During the war served one year as a member of the 1st Missouri Cavalry and in the last year of the war in the 181st Ohio. Owns 230 acres of land near Harveyville and has been for a number of years one of the leading merchants of that progressive and up-to-date town—his success in a new field of labor being the best proof of his zeal in providing for the needs of his patrons.

MR. J. W. MOSSMAN (Dec'd)

Was born January 5, 1809, in Mercer county, Pennsylvania. Came to Kansas in 1857, settling on the claim he pre-empted and on which he lived until his death, on March 12, 1891. On September 9, 1845, the subject of this notice was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Woodford, five children being born to this union: L. J., R. G., Lois C., S. L., and Zada A. Mossman. Mrs. Mossman was born December 28, 1814, and died January 30, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Mossman were well mated, in that they were alike generous and warm hearted; kind and considerate as to the rights and opinions of others, and ever willing to look on the bright side of life rather than render unpleasant their own surroundings or those of their friends with whom they daily came in contact.

EMERSON S. SHOECRAFT

Was born March 17, 1873, at St. Joseph, Missouri. Came to Kansas in 1881. Was educated at Phillipsburg, Kansas, being a graduate of the high school at that place. Is bookkeeper and cashier at Trusler's department store in Eskridge, an employment where a person's ability and efficiency is daily put to the severest tests. That he has not been found wanting in any of the requisites essential to a further continuance in the esteem of his employer is evident to any one acquainted with Mr. Trusler's qualifications as a business manager. Mr. Shoecraft is fortunate in the possession of those qualifications that, years ago, directed him in the right path leading onward to success.

JOHN N. BARLOW

Was born January 10, 1840, in Clinton county, Ohio. Came to Kansas February 13, 1869, locating near Harveyville, where he has ever since resided. On December 25, 1862, was united in marriage, in Warren county, Ohio, to Miss Emiline Murrell, to which union two sons were born: Charles W. and Ennis N. Barlow. Mr. Barlow owns one of the best farms in Wabaunsee county and during his thirty-three years residence here has proven by his works what industry and persevering energy can accomplish on the rich, agricultural lands of the land of sunflowers and wind, drouth and grasshoppers. Mr. Barlow is one of Wabaunsee county's substantial citizens and universally esteemed.

GUY C. BEALS

Was born June 24, 1858, in Ottawa county, Michigan. Came to Kansas in 1893, locating at Alma, where he, with his family, has since resided. On September 4, 1888, was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia West, three children being born to this union: Florence, Gertrude, and Guy Carleten. Dr. Beals is a graduate of Bellevue Hospital Medical College, of New York City, and has taken what is equivalent to a post graduate course by unremitting study and a determination to keep abreast of the times. In 1895, Dr. Beals was elected to the position of county coroner and for several years was county physician and health officer, a position he now holds and the duties of which he is eminently qualified to perform.

GEORGE L. HORTON

Was born in Ripley county, Indiana, July 17, 1842. Came to Kansas in November, 1868, and in March, 1875, was united in marriage to Miss Rachel A. Jeffries, two children being born to this union: Platt and Emma Horton. Mr. Horton owns a fine farm of 240 acres, two miles north of Harveyville, where he has continuously resided since first coming to Kansas. Was three years in the army and is commander of the G. A. R. Post at Harveyville. With an interesting family, a pleasant home and the esteem of all Mr. Horton has no reason to complain of Fortune's favors in the past nor cause for anxiety as to what the future may bring forth.

MR. CONRAD HESSE (Dec'd)

Was born in Prussia, Germany, October 20, 1828. From 1847 to 1849, was in the Prussian Army—the 2nd Cavalry Regiment of the Wienen Guards (4th Squadron, Berlin). Came to America in 1849, locating for a short time at New Orleans, but later, went to Minnesota, then to Iowa, and in 1878, to Kansas, locating on the farm where he lived until his death, February 20, 1898. Was married to Miss Dora Daring, one child, now Mrs. Louisa Kallenbach, of Iowa, being born to this union. His first wife dying after one and one-half years, Mr. Hesse was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Meinhardt, of Davenport, Iowa, ten children blessing this union: Philip, now of Adell, Oklahoma, Lawrence, Nicholas, John, Adam, Frank, Mrs. Matilda Pantler, now of Evansville, Illinois, Joseph, Bernard, and Mary. Mr. Hesse was a tailor by trade but after coming to Kansas devoted his efforts to stock and small grain. Was a successful farmer and a most estimable citizen, leaving to the world an excellent family of sons and daughters. (See full page illustration).

ANDREW MEARS

Was born in Scotland, September 24, 1820. Mary Jane McMaster was born in England, July 1, 1829. Were married May 15, 1849, coming to America the same year, locating at Vinegar Hill, Illinois. Came to Kansas in 1870, locating on what is known as the Miss Agnes Young farm, three and one-half miles east of Eskridge. Fenced forty acres of that farm in 1871, with a sod fence—perhaps the largest tract of land ever enclosed by a sod fence in Wabaunsee county. Today, not a trace of that fence can be seen, being entirely crumbled and worn away. Afterwards located four miles south of Eskridge, on what is

known as the Mears farm, making them a pleasant home. To Mr. and Mrs. Mears were born six sons and two daughters: Jesse, Hannah, Lizzie, William, James, John, Oscar, and Walter. Children and parents all living.

MR. JAMES L. THOMSON (Dec'd)

Was born in Clarke county, Kentucky, June 26, 1813. In 1837, was united in marriage to Miss Susan Davis, to which union four sons were born: Haynie, Davis, Matt, and Henry. Moved to Lincoln county, Tennessee, in 1842, and in 1857, to Wabaunsee county. Belonged to a family of drovers, supplying the Southern markets with hogs and mules, all of which were driven overland, requiring several months to make a trip. After his removal to Tennessee was largely engaged in farming, saw-milling and the mercantile business, until 1853, when his fortune was wrecked by a tornado that literally destroyed Fayetteville, the county seat. After stemming the tide for three years came to Kansas, in 1856, locating the claim now known as the Herbert Shaw farm, on Dragoon creek. On August 6, 1857, occurred the first death in the Dragoon settlement, the mother of the writer being stricken down with malarial fever. On July 20, 1859, the subject of this sketch was again united in marriage to Miss Jane Washburn, of Norris' creek, Tennessee. In 1859, 1860, and 1861, was agent for the Santa Fe Mail company, having charge of the station at Elm creek. On February 4, 1882, death called the spirit home—after a pilgrimage here of 68 years, 7 months, and 8 days. Deceased was a man with whom kindness was a characteristic trait. He was a liberal contributor to public enterprises and charitable objects, among other contributions was one of \$500 to Lincoln College, at Fayetteville, of which city he was several terms mayor. It was his nature to be liberal, a statement that could be amply corroborated by many of the later settlers on the Upper Dragoon, who gladly recognized in more than one of the old pioneers a friend in the hour of need.

NOTE. The portrait was taken from a Daguerreotype.

MR. MICHAEL SWEENEY (Dec'd)

Was born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1819, coming to America in his youth, living in Wisconsin until October, 1874, when he came to Kansas, locating in Kaw township. Was united in marriage to Miss Bridget Moye, to which union were born seven children, four sons and three daughters: Mary, Mrs. Ellen Finney, Mrs. Margaret Lynn, Martin, James, Michael, and Thomas. There were but few settlers

on the reserve lands when Mr. Sweeney first opened up a farm in the Kaw bottoms, three miles southwest of St. Marys, but 27 years wrought many changes and found him the possessor of one of the largest farms in the county. On July 25, 1901, Mr. Sweeney died at his home in the Kaw Valley. He was a man of a strong will and a warm heart. Was ever ready to lend a helping hand to the needy, forgive a wrong, and to forget an injury.

S. D. SHAW

Was born January 12, 1850, in Warren county, Indiana. Came to Kansas in 1868. Received the benefits of excellent educational training in the schools of Indiana. Mr. Shaw owns 240 acres of good farm land and has attained a measure of success proportionate to well directed effort by one who thoroughly understands his business. Has an interesting family, a pleasant home, and such surroundings as bring happiness and contentment.

S. M. HARRIS

Was born August 11, 1858, on the farm where he has ever since made his home. On June 14, 1881, was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Thackery, nine children being born to this union: May, Maud, Frank, Lynn, Carrie, Richard I., Vida, Verda, and Zora. Though an old settler himself, still living under the same roof is his mother, one of the very first pioneers of the Dagoon settlement. Mr. Harris, Sr., who died but a few years ago, was twice elected to the office of county superintendent of schools and once appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. E. R. Twitchell. Mr. Harris, the subject of this notice, is a poet of more than local fame, his poems partaking of the Whitcomb Riley type, many productions of his pen rivaling the best efforts of his Hoosier contemporary. But one glance at that interesting family group answers the query as to why Mr. Harris prefers a quiet, contented life on the old homestead even though accused of hiding his light under a bushel.

H. C. SHAW

Was born February 22d, 1849, in England. Came to America in 1854 and to Kansas in 1872. With his father established the first woolen mill in Wabaunsee county, on Mission creek. On August 27, 1879, was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Chrisp, eleven children

being born to this union: Ella, Frederick E., Sarah, Charley, Ida, Etta, Bertha, Phoebe, Sebie, Herbert C., Jr., and Esther. Mr. Shaw owns 160 acres, the James L. Thomson farm, a fine place with excellent improvements, among which is a beautiful park, always open for use by picnic parties, or others wishing to enjoy the cool, shady grove, or a ride in the "Santa Maria," built on the Dragoon in 1895. Mr. Shaw is an expert machinist and for several years was proprietor and manager of the Burlingame woolen mill and later, on the farm, supplied the stores of Eskridge and other towns with many articles of apparel made at his factory on the old homestead where he now resides.

FRANK RICKERSHAUSER

Was born at Neustadt, Hesse Cassel, Germany, March 9, 1833. Came to America in 1852, locating at Connersville, Indiana. Came to Kansas in the fall of 1856, locating a claim on the head of the Waka-rusa, removing to Wabaunsee county, near Halifax, in 1868, but in 1875 bought the farm near Paxico, on which he has since resided. Owns 4,000 acres of fine farming and grazing land stocked with nearly seven hundred head of cattle. Has always farmed on a large scale, as is indicated by our illustration, which presents to view one of the finest stock and grain ranches in Wabaunsee county—the result of hard labor and good management on the part of one of our leading citizens—one who has always been foremost in the advancement of any public enterprise, and ever just as ready to lend a helping hand to those, who, in the battle of life, have been less fortunate. A single example of Mr. Rickershauser's generous and sympathetic nature will emphasize the statement. In 1873, when the news came to Mr. Rickershauser that Judge Hall's fine residence and nearly all his personal property had been destroyed by a prairie fire, Mr. Rickershauser loaded up his big farm wagon, with double sideboards, with corn, hauled it to Wabaunsee, and dumped the contents into Mr. Hall's crib. No solicitation was needed. It was but the spontaneous act of one of Nature's noblemen. When the Alma Salt Works needed a man to push business to the front, Mr. Rickershauser took charge in person and with crude appliances made fifty barrels of the finest salt per day. Acres of cord wood were piled about the works, giving a large number of men employment. Mr. Rickershauser has led an active life. Hard work has been the rule of his life and though at this writing his health is impaired it is hoped that for many years he may yet enjoy the fruits of industry and well directed effort. He has not only seen the wilderness blossom as the rose but he has rendered valued assistance in bringing about the miraculous changes that have been wrought.

O. E. WEBB

Was born December 2, 1866, in Jefferson county, Iowa. Came to Kansas with his parents in 1873, locating in Pawnee county. Was a farmer boy for years and knows what hard work is and thoroughly understands the practical side of life—his knowledge being gained by experience in starvation times and the grasshopper raids in the short grass country. Is a graduate of Central Business College, of Sedalia, Missouri. Also graduated in a special science course at the C. N. C., Great Bend, Kansas. After teaching eight years in the county and city schools of Pawnee county, Kansas, entered upon the study of medicine, being a graduate of the Beaumont Hospital Medical College, of St. Louis, Missouri, class of 1896. Located at Paxico in March, 1895, and by strict application to business, by constant study, and his own natural ability has built up a lucrative practice, attaining a phenomenal degree of success in his chosen profession. In May, 1896, Dr. Webb was united in marriage to Miss Esther C. Willms, of Ellinwood, Kansas, three children being born to this union: Charley, Florence, and Fleta. Dr. Webb is one among the first of our professional men to make a practical application of a system of telephones in his business. In 1898, he constructed his first line to McFarland. Since that time he has constructed lines to Keene, Dover, and Kuenzli creek. He uses the Bridging system and already has 65 phones in operation and the number is constantly increasing. He has 50 miles of wire and on the completion of the new stone building—the first in Paxico—he will have one of the best appointed offices in the county. A view of his pleasant home in Paxico is shown in the illustration, and the bundles of wires speak volumes in the Doctor's behalf—showing how forethought, energy, and up-to-date methods will bring success.

REV. J. J. SILBERMANN

Was born at Uman, Russia, December 25, 1854. Was educated at Basel, Switzerland, taking a theological course at the University located there, graduating in the class of 1880. Came to America the same year. In 1883, came to Kansas, locating at Eudora. Has been a resident of Alma since 1898. On January 23, 1883, was united in marriage to Frida Sonderegger, four children being born to this union: Olga, Anna, Oscar, and Esther. The Evangelical church, of which Mr. Silbermann is pastor, is one of the neatest church edifices in Alma. Was built in 1880, though the spire wasn't erected until 1888. The church has a membership of forty families and is in a flourishing condition—a fact due in a great measure to the personal efforts of their highly esteemed minister.

ROBERT GUTH

Was born April 28, 1837, in Baden, Germany. Came to America in 1847, landing at New Orleans. Lived nine years at Quincy, Illinois, going from there to Mankato, Minnesota. Is a harness maker by trade and during the Civil war was employed by the government at Vicksburg, Mississippi, from 1863 to 1865. On July 23, 1857, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Magdaline Hund, to which union ten children were born, seven living: Moritz and William, of Hutchinson, Kansas; Mrs. Ottilla Muckenthaler, August, Mary, Leo, and Henry. Mr. Guth came to Newbury in 1873, kept boarding house awhile, and worked at his trade. Was postmaster and ran a general store until 1895. Has retired from business and is comfortably located at his old home in Newbury.

W. H. H. SMITH

Was born April 6, 1858, at Jerseyville, Illinois. Came to Kansas in 1890. Received a good classical education at Valparaiso, Indiana. Took the full medical course at the North Western Medical College, of St. Joseph, Missouri, and a post graduate course at the Missouri Medical College, at St. Louis, Missouri. On February 22, 1882, was united in marriage to Miss Maria Rhodes, of Ethingham, Illinois, four children being born to this union: Grover Eugene, August Herman, Dewey, and Willie H. Dr. Smith has been for six years a resident of Wabaunsee county and during that time has demonstrated his ability as a physician, and the number of difficult surgical operations performed by him attest a thorough and intricate knowledge of every detail of his chosen profession.

ROBERT STROWIG

Was born July 13, 1853, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Came to Kansas with his parents when five years of age. Received a good education at the Banner school, one of the best in Jackson county. On January 1, 1879, was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Riederer, to which union four children were born: Otto, Mabel, Milton, and Homer. Was six years county commissioner—from January, 1896, to January, 1902. Besides being a popular official, Mr. Strowig is one of the best millers in the state, the mill being located on Mill creek, near Paxico. The mill was built in 1879 and has a capacity of 75 barrels of flour and 50 barrels of meal per day. Has five double stands of 9x15 rolls on wheat, one, three high on corn. Has one sifter, two purifiers, two

centrifugal rolls, smutter and separators. Is one of the best mills in Kansas and is operated and owned by Strowig & Son. Mr. Strowig bought his land of an Indian, and for several years after the mill was built the last remnant of the Prairie band of Pottawatomies in Wabaunsee county lived in two wigwams within two hundred yards of Mr. Strowig's fine residence near the mill.

JOSEPH MUCKENTHALER

Was born in Scott county, Minnesota, May 13, 1868. Came with his parents to Wabaunsee county the following year. On September 8, 1891, was united in marriage to Miss Ottilla Guth, to which union were born five children: Louis, Eleanor, Clements, Joseph, and Paul. Owns the old family homestead north of Newbury and that he is making a success of farming is indicated by the many improvements being made on the farm, among others, the best and most convenient swine shed in the county. For many years has been leader of the Newbury band and is one of the best cornet players in Kansas.

ED. L. CAMPBELL

Was born December 28, 1858, in Rushville, Illinois. Was educated in the Rushville schools and came to Kansas in 1881. On September 18, 1887, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Sage, of Dover, Kansas, to which union three children were born: Lyle, Charlie, and Clyde. Mr. Campbell was postmaster at Eskridge four years but is at present engaged in farming, owning a good farm of 160 acres on Mission creek. Ed. is one of the world's good fellows, was popular as a postmaster and is making a success of life on the farm.

THOMAS OLIVER

Was born in Denholm, Roxburgshire, Scotland, April 28, 1859. Came from Edinburg to Old Maple Hill, October, 1884. When the new town was laid out in 1887, Mr. Oliver, who already lived on the new site, moved his wagon shop into the new town and assisted in erecting the first building, Mr. J. N. Dolley's general store, and built the first dwelling house—a five room, two story structure. He still operates the only wagon shop and has erected a majority of the buildings in what is one of the neatest towns in the county, of which Mr. Oliver is an esteemed citizen. Isabella Maple Hill Oliver was born September 19, 1887—the first child born in the new town and the first child baptized in the new M. E. church.

A Court Reminiscence.

The following interesting reminiscence of the courts in the years agone is from the pen of Hon. A. H. Case, of Topeka. Mr. Case was our first district attorney, when Wabaunsee county (or Richardson county then) was one of the 13 counties comprising the 3d judicial district—taking in Pike's Peak and a good share of the Rocky Mountains.

Under the act of the legislature of 1860, 29 counties were included in the 2d judicial district, in which Wabaunsee was one of them, Rush Elmore, judge. At that time Arrapahoe was in the 1st district and county attorneys were in vogue. In 1861 Wabaunsee was placed in the 3d judicial district with Shawnee, and all west of Davis county was supposed to be attached to this district for judicial purposes. At the fall election in 1861 Jacob Safford was elected judge of this district, he being the first judge under the state constitution, and I was elected at the same time as district attorney. The judge's salary was sure, but the district attorney took his pay in county scrip, worth about 20 cents on the dollar. The highest fee was in murder cases, \$25, but we had no such cases, as no attention was paid to accidents of that character. Our whole time was occupied in stock stealing cases and the old dram shop law. To convict for the larceny of stock, possession by the defendant was sure conviction unless he could prove that he was not in the United States at the time. Under the dram shop act, the grand jury, on proof, would find a bill, the case would be continued, and the next term the defendant, by his learned counsel, would produce a license, antedated of course, showing, under the honest seal of the officials, that he was authorized by law to keep shop.

We had no railroads so we migrated from court to court by stage, horseback, on foot, and wagon. The stage charged us ten cents a mile, provided we carried a rail to help out of a mud hole. When we went from Topeka by horse or in wagon we left in the afternoon, went to the Waltermann crossing at Mill creek, tied up, ate cold lunch, washed it down with red eye, slept the sleep of the just and in the morning drove or rode to Manhattan for breakfast, thence on to Junction City, our western terminus, where we stopped with Jim Brown, at the Old Eagle Hotel, at \$4 per day for bacon and coffee, and in the goodness of his heart Jim would place our buffalo robes on the

floor for a bed, crowd in an outsider and charge him a dollar for its use.

Lawyers' fees, in those days, were exceedingly small. If we got enough to buy grub and the wash down and not leave the town in debt, we were satisfied. After Judge Elmore went off the bench he traveled with us, the jolliest and best of men. His heart was in his hand and, unless out late, he had imported stuff in his saddle bags. I remember we were at Junction City with him and all broke. Luckily, the grand jury found somebody guilty of something and employed Elmore. Two yoke of oxen for fee. Well, we camped in the "Flag-of-our-Union-saloon" on the amount realized from the sale of those steers. So that steers, as is well known, are good to eat as well as drink. Another time we were at Junction City, broke, as usual. What to do?

This was after I was out of office and a private. We concluded we would have a mock court, arrest somebody when the judge was snug in bed, try him, convict him, fine him ten dollars, get it and let him go. With this bountiful ten dollars we managed to allay thirst for the next thirty hours. We were young then, no one intended to do harm; it was life in the wooly west and we made the best of it as we saw it.

Many things could be said, but no history will ever be written that can or will tell all that occurred. A good many things best be not told as some are living yet that enacted a part in those early days.

I want to give your county credit for one thing and that is, the scrip issued by it for officers' fees became par and was paid in full the first of any county in the state, while Shawnee scrip at that time was worth only forty cents.

The Alma Salt Works, 1874.

The News, of February 12, 1873, speaking of the Alma oil well said that it was yielding over one hundred barrels per day of oil and water. As Fred Link had poured but a pint of oil in the well he was digging at the Winkler hotel there is no risk in stating that it was mostly water.

But what was intended as a hoax resulted in the organization of the Alma Oil & Mining Company. A hole was drilled 585 feet in depth and a flow of strong brine reached. Analysis of this brine showed fifty pounds of salt to fifty-three and one-half gallons of water. The result was the Alma Salt Works. John Gibson went East and purchased a number of large kettles; two evaporating vats 16x112 feet were constructed; a brick smoke stack sixty feet in height was built and from thirty to fifty barrels of pure, white salt was the daily output. But mismanagement or an undue interest in outside matters resulted in closing down the plant. It was afterwards leased to S. T. Wright, but the lack of funds prevented the proper development of an industry that may yet prove a bonanza at some time in the near future. That the brine is sufficient in quantity and strength to justify a judicious investment seems apparent.

Historical Notes.

Prior to 1833 the country now known as Wabaunsee county belonged to the Kaw or Kansas Indians. In that year Rev. Isaac McCoy, a missionary having charge of the location of the different Indian tribes, assisted by his son, John McCoy, surveyed a strip 120 miles in length from east to west, and 19 miles in width from north to south, for an outlet for the Shawnee Indians from their reservation to the Buffalo country. This was known as the Shawnee Purchase. Three years later the north line of the Kaw reserve was located.

By a treaty with the Kaws, January 14, 1846, the Pottawatomies were granted a tract of land 30 miles square, comprising a part of the counties of Wabaunsee, Pottawatomie, Jackson and Shawnee. In 1847 the "Pottawatomies of the Woods," and the "Mission Band," about 1,500 in numbers, located in this tract. In 1850 a band of Michigan Pottawatomies numbering about 650 joined the tribe at St. Marys.

November 15, 1861, a treaty was made by which the Mission band was allotted lands in severalty, while the Prairie band elected to continue tribal relations. William W. Ross, a brother of Charles Ross, was Indian agent at that time and the treaty was made at Rossville. On the part of the Indians the treaty was signed by Shaw-que, To-Penubbee, We-Weh-Seh, Shomen, Joseph N. Bourassa, George L. Young, B. H. Bertrand, M. B. Beaubien, L. H. Ogee, John Tipton and Louis Vieux—all well known to the early settlers of Wabaunsee county.

This treaty provided for the sale of all lands not chosen for allotments to the Santa Fe Railroad Company. The Mission band removed to the Indian Territory in 1870, and the Prairie band, 780 strong, was given a body of land twelve miles square in Jackson county, on which they now live.

At this treaty a half section of land was reserved for the Baptist Mission, located near Uniontown, adjoining the farm of Mr. M. W. Janes, opposite the old Darling ferry. This mission was in operation until 1859.

In 1847, St. Marys Mission was moved from Sugar creek to the south side of Kaw River but the year following was transferred to its present location on the north side.

When Richardson county was set off and given a name by the Territorial legislature of 1855, the width of the county from East to West was but 24 miles. The legislature of 1859 changed the name to Wabaunsee county and in 1860, through the efforts of Mr. C. B. Lines, our representative, a strip six miles in width was added to the west side of the county.

In 1864, 72 square miles of territory were taken from the southwest corner of Wabaunsee county and attached to Morris county. This territory was recovered by Captain Wm. Mitchell in 1868, but the following year was returned to Morris county and in 1870 was divided between the two counties. In 1871, John Pinkerton betrayed his trust by having himself set over into Riley county, taking a strip six miles wide and fifteen miles long from the west side. In 1872, Mr. J. M. Johnson introduced and caused to be passed by both branches of the legislature a bill recovering the lost territory but by some hocus-pocus the bill failed to become a law, but the following year Representative Sellers succeeded in recovering six miles of this territory. No changes have been made since.

The first white men in the county built a log house in the heavy timber on Dragoon creek about the year 1844. But their purpose was highway robbery. This gang of cut-throats, if not the company raised by John McDaniel, on the frontier, to raid the Mexican trains, was one organized for the same purpose. Captain Philip St. George Cooke was sent out from Fort Leavenworth on several different occasions to capture or disperse these hordes and how well he succeeded is attested by the records of the war department of that period. Captain Cooke's capture of the remnants of the dispersed bands led by Colonel Warfield and Major Snively, near where Old Fort Atkinson was afterwards established furnishes indisputable evidence of his valor and efficiency as an annihilator of robber hordes. (See pages 141-145).

The first actual settlements by homeseekers were in Wabaunsee and Wilmington townships, with the weight of evidence in favor of Wabaunsee. Mr. J. M. Bisbey, of Pavilion—see illustration—is probably entitled to first place among the few living settlers of the olden time. He came to Wabaunsee in the fall of 1854. Closely following were Peter and Bartholomew Sharai, J. H. Nesbitt (the first storekeeper), D. B. Hyatt, Clark Lapham, Joshua Smith, and Rev. Leonard.

Mr. Henry Harvey and his two sons, George and Samuel, selected their claims on the Dragoon in the fall of 1854, but not until May, 1855, did they make actual settlement.

Milton Haywood built the first house on Rock creek in 1855, but the following year sold his claim to William Exon.

Ed. Krapp, Joseph Thoes, and Peter Thoes arrived on their claims

four miles south of Alma, March 1, 1855, and in three weeks built three log houses, one for each of the newcomers.

Fred Palenske, Terrass, and Hendricks came up the Missouri river on the same boat, arriving May 8th.

Mr. Mauzenbrinck and wife settled on the claim afterwards owned by C. Wertzberger. On a trip to Kansas City to buy goods to start a country store Mr. Mauzenbrinck was drowned in the Missouri river. Herman Dierker, a returned California miner, married the widow, and his place was known as Alma—West Precinct. Mr. Dierker was for several years cook in the gold camps of the Pacific coast, receiving ten dollars a day for his services. He afterwards sold the farm to Mr. C. Wertzberger and bought a farm near Alma. A few years ago left for Ohio and when he left surprised a few of his intimate friends by inviting them into his smoke house. With the assistance of his invited friends he soon dug up a pot of gold containing, according to diverse statements, a sum ranging from \$20,000 to \$70,000. It may be unnecessary to state that none of the gold is there now, but our peddler, Scheminski, feels proud of the fact that many a time he has thrown his bundle of hides on the ground where that gold for nearly half a century lay hidden.

In May, 1855, came Ernest Honeke, a surveyor and one of three representatives in the state legislature of 1860. Mr. Honeke was one of a colony from Cincinnati and laid out what was probably the first town-site in the county. It was located on the hill just south of the Palenske homestead and was called Humboldt City.

Honeke, besides being among our first representatives in the legislature was one of the first proprietors of a still. William Griffenstein was his partner in the business. The capacity of the still was five gallons a day and the Indians were their best customers. The Indians would patiently wait until, drop by drop, their bottle was filled and then got over on their own side of the reservation. (For further notes as to Griffenstein see pages 136-138).

The first building erected at Fort Riley was in 1854, by Major Ogden.

For the protection of overland traffic across the plains Fort Atkinson, six miles above Dodge City, was built by Colonel Sumner in 1850.

Kansas Territory was organized May 30, 1854.

One of the first houses built in the Mill creek valley was of logs on the Christian Hankammer place, and was for many years used by Mr. Hankammer as a residence. Wooden pins instead of nails were used in constructing the house built by Gleich & Antoine in 1855 and torn down by Mike Boetcher in April, 1890. Before locating on Mill creek Mr. Gleich had worked at Darling's ferry, opposite Uniontown,

near the east line of the farm owned by Mr. M. W. Janes. Mr. Gleich's marriage on April 16, 1857, to Mrs. Catherine Terrass, is the first on record in the county. Mr. Terrass had settled on the reservation near Mr. Peter Johnson's, and his death, in 1856, was probably the first in the county.

The death of Mrs. Susan D. Thomson, wife of Mr. James L. Thomson, and mother of the writer, was the first in Wilmington township. The date was August 6, 1857.

Mr. J. M. Bisbey reports the winter of '55-'56 the coldest of his experience in Kansas. On a trip to Kansas City for provisions, was snowbound three days and could make but 10 to 15 miles a day. On his return found his family out of breadstuffs for three days but had plenty of frozen potatoes and beef. From December 22, to January 15 was intensely cold and on February 3 was 32 degrees below. On several days was 24 below, while the sun shone brightly.

Mr. Fred Palenske bought his claim from a man named Gilbert, who was living on the place in a tent. He paid \$20 for the claim, including tent, tools and provisions.

Rev. Harvey Jones located at Wabaunsee in 1855. Organized the First Church of Christ, of which he was the first pastor till 1860, when he returned to Ohio. In 1864 went to southern Kansas and two years later returned to Wabaunsee.

After Ed. Krapp located his claim he hauled goods from Westport Landing to "Whiskey-Point," a small town opposite Fort Riley. Left the Old Santa Fe Trail at 110 creek and followed the old Mormon trail over the divide between the waters of Mill creek and Rock creek. Between the Big Spring near Eskridge and Moss Springs in Geary county, a distance of 28 miles, there was no water to be had except that hauled in kegs. Fifty or more freighters would be met on the road every day, and he would often have several thousand dollars in gold in a keg or box in the wagon to buy goods or for deposit. Was badly frozen in a blizzard on one of these trips in 1856 while encamped on the head of the Wakarusa.

Richardson county was named by the legislature of 1855 in honor of Wm. A. Richardson, congressman from Illinois, who introduced the first Kansas-Nebraska bill in the house of representatives. The present name, Wabaunsee, was in honor of an Indian chief. The word means, in English, "dawn of day."

The Connecticut colony, or the Beecher Rifle colony, left New Haven, Conn., March 31, 1856, and arrived at Wabaunsee April 28. Capt. C. B. Lines was chosen president of the company. The company built a town hall and a mill and a church—the latter being a part of the residence of Mr. A. J. Bowman. The following members of the Connecticut colony remained over three months: C. B. Lines,

W. Hartley, Jr., J. D. Farren, Geo. H. Coe, F. H. Hart, S. M. Thomas, L. H. Root, J. M. Hubbard, Jr., Wm. Mitchell, Jr., O. Bardwell, Rollin Moses, A. A. Cottrell, H. S. Hall, S. A. Baldwin, Benjamin Street, J. J. Walter, T. C. P. Hyde, E. C. D. Lines, E. D. Street, Timothy Read, H. M. Selden, George Wells, W. S. Griswold, Isaac Fenn, J. P. Root, J. F. Willard, H. D. Rice, H. Isbell, D. F. Scranton, E. J. Lines, F. W. Ingham, L. A. Parker, E. N. Penfield, R. W. Griswold, G. H. Thomas, M. C. Welch, B. C. Porter, F. Johnson, C. E. Pond, L. W. Clark, and W. G. McNary. In the fall of 1856, Messrs. S. H. Fairfield, S. R. Weed, J. E., L. H., and Enoch Platt came from Menden, Illinois, and joined the settlers at Wabaunsee. So closely identified with the early settlement of the township as to be usually considered as part of the original colony. Of the original Beecher colony but four now reside in the county: Messrs. A. A. Cottrell, S. A. Baldwin, Captain Wm. Mitchell, and J. F. Willard. But quite a number of the descendants of the New Haven colony still reside at Wabaunsee—on the homestead selected by their parents in 1856. Others, though now residents of other states, still regard Wabaunsee as the dearest spot on earth, by reason of the many hallowed associations connected with the early settlement of the town.

The first railroad in Wabaunsee county was of the underground pattern, with stations at Wabaunsee and Harveyville—a fact not generally known until the road went into liquidation by reason of a lack of patronage.

Among the early settlers of Mission creek township, coming to the county in 1856, were: S. F. Ross, Captain Henry, Wm. P. Hill, Mr. Mason, William Collins, a brother and three sisters, Mrs. Drummond, Dr. James Fletcher, C. C. Brooks, J. N. Winslow, W. K. Beach, and Dr. S. E. Beach. Dr. Beach was surgeon of the 8th Kansas. Was captured at Chickamunga, and died at Nashville soon after being exchanged. Of the Ross family, E. G. Ross was U. S. Senator, W. W. Ross was agent of the Pottawatomies and Charles Ross was, for eight years, county treasurer.

In 1857, the Mission creek settlement received several additions. Among these were: J. W. Mossman, John Shadd, George Johnston, S. W. Higbee, C. A. Sexton, H. J. Loomis, D. M. Johnston, A. S. Waters and brother, R. P. Miller, Sylvester Moore, John, Fred, and Allen Doty, E. M. Hewens, and W. E. Little. July 4th was celebrated at Fremont City—three ladies being among the fifteen persons present. Boiled rice, milk, and mulberry pies were the luxuries provided for the occasion.

In 1858, Martin and William Woodford, Anson Eddy, T. M. Allen, Wm. and Homer Hewins and their mother, Wm. and Harris Ewing,

W. T. Berryman, Orson Frizzle and Asaph Frizzle, Thos. Barker, H. F. Drake, Abe and George Hartwell, settled on Mission creek.

In the winter of 1856-57, the editor of the New York Sun gave \$250 toward building a school house at Wabaunsee. A church (Congregational) costing \$4,000 was built, also a school house, 26x36, two stories in height—school room below and hall above.

Ma'am Sawin's boarding house at Wabaunsee is remembered by old timers of 1855 and 1857. There were four young scions of the Sawin household, who, in the summer season, were subjected to weekly dousings in the raging Kaw. A rope about their bodies saved them from drowning during the cleansing process. Pancakes were daily served and even the house cat relished them—a fact evidenced by an exclamation of mine hostess: "Scat! This is the third time I have caught you in the batter." But the patrons becoming too exacting Ma'am Sawin moved to parts unknown.

In the summer of 1858, the Zeandale and Wabaunsee neighborhoods were aroused by the report that a child was lost—a little tot of two years belonging to the Meacham family, living on Deep creek. Hundreds of searchers failed to solve the mystery. But months afterwards the bleaching bones of an infant told the heartrending story of the little one that strayed from home while the mother was busy with the cares of the household.

G. Zwanziger built a gristmill in Alma in 1858, and Christian Hankammer began the construction of a sawmill three miles above on Mill creek. Both were badly damaged by the big flood of June 28th. In the gristmill there was but one small pair of burrs, run by an old fashioned wooden wheel of the "Undershot" pattern. By getting an early start eight bushels a day could be ground. There was no roof over the mill until 1860, and then there was no water in sight above the dam. Occasionally, water could be found in the deep holes but they were few and long distances apart. Settlers going to Kansas City for bacon or to Atchison for some of "Pomeroys beans" camped in the dry bed of Mill creek at the Rocky Ford crossing, though there was plenty of water for stock in Dry creek near its mouth. The mill was sold to L. Pauly in 1862.

Patrick and Ezekial Dix, and Elisha Edwards settled on Rock creek in 1858. David Tyler built a house on the Wm. Brewer place, and Martin Tyler built a house on the Pardee place.

During the Pike's Peak excitement in 1859 the steamer Gus Linn advertised to go within 150 miles of Pike's Peak. The steamer drew 23 inches forward and 18, aft. Left Kansas City May 10, with 140 tons of freight, three-fourths of which was for Manhattan and Fort Riley. May 15, reached St. Marys Mission—a place of 4,000 Indians, half-breeds and whites. On the 16th reached Wabaunsee, town containing

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RESIDENCE OF MR. JOSEPH MUCKENTHALER, Paxico.



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RESIDENCE OF MR. GUS THIERER, near Volland.



RESIDENCE OF MR. WM. DIEBALL, four miles southwest of Alma.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. M. W. JANES, near Willard.



MR. M. W. JANES'S BARN, near Willard.

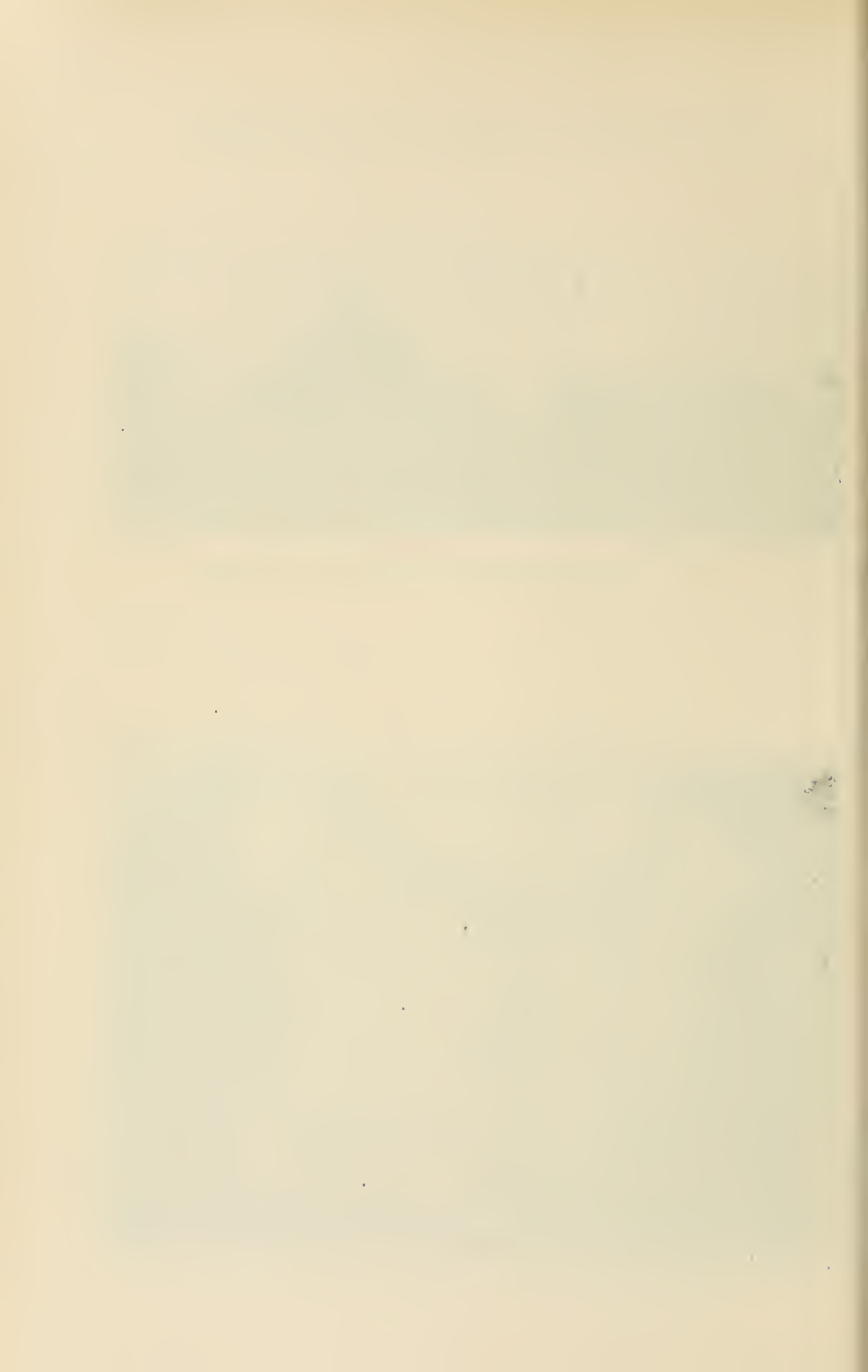
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ALMA—LOOKING WEST FROM THE SANTA FE DEPOT.



RESIDENCE OF MR. G. W. GILLIS, MISSION CREEK.



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RESIDENCE OF MR. A. F. WADE, Mission Creek.



RESIDENCE OF MR. J. N. BARLOW, near Harveyville.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. WM. MASS, Spring Creek.



RESIDENCE OF MR. HENRY GRIMM, West Branch.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. HERMAN ARNDT, Templin.



RESIDENCE OF MR. D. F. CLAYTON, Alma.

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OLD HOME OF MR. ANDREW MEIRS, near Eskridge.



RESIDENCE OF MR. G. G. CORNELL. Alma.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. A. R. STROWIG, Paxico.



RESIDENCE OF MR. FRED ZEPPERJAHN, Paxico.

one store and fifteen houses, and the prospective terminus of an important railroad. This boat carried the material for the first paper published at Manhattan. Between Lawrence and Topeka a girl baby was born to a Mrs. Kelly, on her way to join her husband at Manhattan. The baby was named after the boat—Gus Linn. There were six boats besides the Gus Linn, navigating the Kaw at that time: War Eagle, Excel, Silver Lake, Coloma, Star of the West, and Kate Sweeney.

The Wyandotte Constitution was adopted July 29, 1859. Ratified October 4, 1859. Act of Admission approved January 29, 1861. Until 1860, Wabaunsee county was attached to Geary county for judicial purposes. A bill of \$761.62 was presented to the board of commissioners for court expenses.

The office of district attorney was created on June 4, 1861, and abolished, January 1, 1862, and again created February 12, 1864. June 18, 1861, Alma township was divided into two voting precincts; the place of holding the elections in the East precinct to be at the house of Peter Thoes, and that for the West precinct at the house of Herman Dierker (C. Wertzberger's).

March 3, 1863, the county commissioners voted to pay the costs of an inquest on the bodies of Gilliland and Menser, before Squire Haynes, acting coroner. These men were horse dealers of unsavory reputation, who had been overhauled by the sheriff of Shawnee county, at Zeandale. All that was given out at the inquest for the information of the general public was that they had come to their death at the hands of parties unknown.

On September 1, 1863, Capt. E. C. D. Lines was killed on the skirmish line near Fort Smith, Arkansas.

In the summer of 1863, 1,400 Kickapoo warriors encamped near the spring, on the present site of Mr. William Horne's orchard, in Washington township, on their way to fight the Cheyennes. In three or four weeks they returned—camping three or four days at the spring. They were short on ponies and long on wounded and sick Indians—none of them having much to say and they held no scalp dances. The Cheyennes were attending to that part of the program. But the Kickapoos buried several Indians near the spring and on several occasions since that time, in plowing, William has turned up such gruesome relics as skulls and other parts of bodies that were buried too near the top of the ground in 1863.

In October, 1864, Governor Carney issued a proclamation requiring all able-bodied male citizens between the ages of 18 and 60 to attach themselves to some regiment of troops, each man to bring two blankets, a tin cup, knife and fork, and haversack; a coffee pot and frying pan to every five men; each detachment to furnish its own rations and

transportation. The company from the East branch of Mill creek was commanded by Capt. Ed. Krapp; 1st Lieut. Wm. Drehing, and 2d Lieut. Jos. Treu. The West branch contingent was commanded by 1st Lieut. Chas. Weber, and 2d Lieut. Wm. Horne. All went to Topeka to guard the place while the militia from there went to the front. The militia dug a trench four feet deep around the town, erected a stockade 40 ft. square in the center. The report came that Price had taken Lawrence and was marching to Topeka. Then the props that supported the bridge over the Shunganunga were knocked out that the invaders might be drowned in the mud. Orders were given to march to the bridge at 3 a. m. Some made their wills before retiring but the cook was up early, saying the boys should have a cup of coffee before they died, and they did. They all came home in the morning.

In 1864, J. W. Mossman was captain of the militia from Mission creek and S. P. Wample and T. K. Tomson, lieutenants.

At the April session of the board of commissioners the Pottawatomie reserve was attached to the several townships of Alma, Wabaunsee, and Mission creek, and that part attached to Mission creek organized into a precinct to be called Maple Hill, elections to be held at the house of R. H. Waterman.

Henry Schutter, a brother of Joseph and Barney Schutter, was killed at Cottonwood Holes by the Kiowas, in the summer of 1864. This and other Indian news* alarming the settlers, a meeting was held at Wm. Krieg's, on West branch, to take steps for protection. The following named settlers were at this meeting: G. Zwanziger, August Brasche, Carl Falk, Rudolph Arndt, Fetting, Secrest, Volland, Wm. Horne, Lehmberg, Thowes, and Muehlenbachers. At this meeting it was resolved to build a fort. Zwanziger wanted to build the fort at Alma, but others favored a point near Dr. Brasche's as being more central. Wm. Horne wasn't in favor of building a fort. Preferred to go to Manhattan, where there were plenty of stone houses and where there was plenty of water. The diversity of opinion resulted in the meeting breaking up—not exactly in a row, but not a few were warmed up over the discussion about building the fort. The final outcome was the building of the fort at Templin. (See page 113).

In 1866, the first house was built in Alma. (See pages 74-75). But not until 1868 was the first village council organized. Sam Weed was chairman, and August Meyer, Henry Schmitz, John Winkler, and Herman Dierker, the other members. S. R. Weed acted also as police

*Charlie Lehmberg, Jr., was herding cattle on the ridge southwest of the Schuch place. One of the neighbors seeing the cattle took them for Indians. The neighborhood was aroused and not until the fort was built was the fear from Indian raids dispelled.

judge, and N. H. Whittemore, as attorney for the council. Alma was made a voting precinct April 3, 1867. At the January session a safe was voted for the county treasurer, the cost not to exceed \$300. But the amount was increased in April.

July 9, 1868, a new voting precinct was formed of the west part of Wilmington township to be called Rock creek.

July 13, the body of an unknown man was found in the river at Wabaunsee.

Items From the Press--and Other Sources.

1869.

First newspaper published: The Herald, by Sellers & Bertram. First number issued April 1st, 1869. At that time Alma contained four houses, besides a frame shanty used by F. C. Simon for a blacksmith shop, and a log shanty where Winkler's hotel was built. The houses were the Kaufman building (the court house), Schmitz & Meyer's store, Winkler's Hotel, and Dierker's boarding house.

From the Herald we learn:

That Alma boasted of the largest school house in the county, with patent seats and capable of seating sixty persons.

That R. M. Tunnell and S. R. Weed were appointed teachers' examiners.

That Bliss the photographer would be in Alma for a week.

That Volney Love would auction sales.

That the following postmasters were appointed on the new mail line to Burlingame: John Hess, Bismark; E. H. Sanford at Finn City (Upper Canada), and John Shaw at Harveyville.

That Carl Braun opened the first barber shop in Alma in August.

That the Sioux and Cheyennes killed seven men and took three women prisoners on the Saline River, 20 miles north of Ellsworth.

That a ferry had been established at St. Marys in July.

That on June 3d the Wamego ferry was reported in good condition to transfer teams when the boat wasn't leaking or the wind didn't blow, or the water wasn't too high or too low, or it didn't freeze, snow, or rain, or you didn't call too early or too late, or the ferryman isn't up in town. At all other times you could cross.

That the ferry boat at Manhattan was sunk in a gale in April, and that the editors of the Herald objected to the wind blowing on Wednesday's and preventing crossing on the ferry boat—thus depriving the editor of the news.

The Herald of April 15th advised the people to cease paying a dollar a gallon for molasses and plant sorghum. With four cane mills running there should be no fears as to getting the cane made up.

Among the incidents recorded in the Herald was one of a man who had poured oil into his ear to cure a bad case of sore throat.

The Alma Debating society was organized August 11th—Henry Schmitz was elected Chairman, and N. H. Whittemore secretary.

The first house in (the Old Town) Eskridge was built by Col. Sanford, Robt. Haslett and John Cousins doing the stone work.

July 10th the Alma Concordia gave a dance in Adolph Zeckser's new house, the Alma String band being in attendance.

In April a man from Lyon county brought a grist to Pauly's mill—having taken 335 pounds of wheat to a local mill and getting but 90 pounds of flour—and the sacks, concluded to make a change. He appeared well pleased at the result of his trip.

We also learn that Dr. L. P. Weaver was appointed postmaster at Wabaunsee in place of G. G. Hall, resigned (on account of the moving of the county seat to Alma), and that John Winkler had found a good salt spring ten miles below Alma on the reserve.

That a party of buffalo hunters passed through Alma, December 7.

That District No. 4 had completed a new stone school house and that Mrs. G. W. Gillis would teach the school.

That J. M. Johnson of Dragoon creek had called and reported 91 bushels of corn to the acre.

Losses from prairie fires in all parts of the county reported and that Alma was saved only by the most strenuous exertions of the citizens under the leadership of G. Zwanziger—fighting the fire until 1 o'clock a. m.

That Charlie Fields, a boy eleven years of age, with his little dog, while out in the woods on Dragoon creek, killed, with a spade, one of the largest wildcats ever seen in the county.

1870.

Andreas Thowe celebrated the New Year by shooting a hole through the palm of his hand while handling a revolver.

The following persons took claims in Rock creek township: John Hogue, Horace Paul, F. Hecke, M. K. Anderson, Ben Riggs, Wm.

Brewer, Charles Cross, W. G. Long, Creed Clement, W. H. Harrison, Henry Haas, and H. Slocumb.

The Herald agitates the question of a daily mail for Alma.

Mr. Pauly built a new residence near the mill; the Lutheran parsonage was completed in March, and Father Remele raised \$400 towards building a Catholic church.

P. L. Woody's arrival is reported in the items from "Jaketown," March 10th, and the same month Wm. M. Rinehart bought Charlie McCormick's claim, near Eskridge, for \$300.

On March 29th, Mr. Half-day was brought before Squire Lange, in Alma, and fined ten dollars for beating his mother-in-law, Mrs. Wawaqua.

The Pittsburg colony arrived in Alma May 11th.

Messrs. Moore & Thomson, attorneys, inserted card in Herald. Mr. Thomson graduated from the Chicago University in 1867. (Judge Thomson was the "avant courier" of the firm. Renting an office, he went to Burlingame, and while there concluded to locate there instead of in Alma. Mr. Moore died in the East before his partner became settled in the new country).

The Kaw reserve was opened to settlement this year, and Wm. Exon reports 30 families located in his school district (23).

Newbury was settled by a colony of Ohioans in April. The town was laid out by Dan. Horne, Bartling, Kellam, and Lakin, of Topeka, and Col. Phillips, of Wabaunsee county. The Santa Fe owned half interest in the town. In June, there were eleven houses in the town and two or three families in each house. There were two stores, one hotel, and a blacksmith shop.

Goldstandt & Cohen, who had run the Winkler hotel one year, left June 1st for the new town.

The Alma Cemetery was laid out in May.

Sunday, January 16, was the most sudden change ever known in the country.

200 Arapahoes killed several settlers on Big creek, near Fort Hays, in February.

John Bisbey's stable burned April 13th.

Allen Phillips' hay and stables burned by prairie fire, Sunday, April 24th.

May 24th, Mr. Ressler killed a large rattlesnake in Pauly's timber that had swallowed two rabbits and was trying to swallow another. Sheriff Herrick brought in a large badger from the Pottawatomie reserve.

The Herald of April 7th said that H. D. Shepard would put in a large new store at Wilmington, and that Dr. Wilkerson had erected a new store building, and that Dr. Easter was preparing to build

another. Penfield & Son, and James Cripps & Co. had opened stores, and Henry Burns, a blacksmith shop, and that J. and H. McPherson, builders, had all they could do.

Sunday, June 4th, Abe Johnson, a young man working for I. H. Isbell was drowned while bathing in the Kaw river at Wabaunsee.

Wilmington township was divided into three precincts in April: Dragoon, Elm creek and Rock creek.

Postoffices established at Newbury and Grant, J. W. Mossman, postmaster, Grant, and P. H. Moser, Newbury.

August 18th, Soza—Ne-Ma-Acan advertises for lost note for \$100.

November 1st, Seymore's house on Snokomo burned.

Dr. L. P. Weaver, on a trip to Denver writes, October 12th, of seeing herds of buffalo from the car window and that they were very tame, one rolling over twice within 15 rods of the train.

In item in the Herald from the Topeka Commonwealth, says of Wichita: "It is located at the junction of the Big and Little Arkansas rivers and will probably be the point where the A. T. & S. F. will cross the Arkansas. It has grown quite rapidly the past season and is a place of considerable trade. William Grifenstein, alias "Dutch Bill," a son-in-law of Chief Abram Burnett, of the Pottawatomies, called on us yesterday and reported progress of the town. He has recently located there and is doing an extensive trade with settlers in that locality. There is a large amount of land in that vicinity open to pre-emption and there will be more when the treaty with the Osages is ratified. The military road to Fort Sill and Fort Arbuckle runs through the town. Mr. Grifenstein will start several teams loaded with goods for his store in a few days. Glad to hear of Mr. Grifenstein's success."

1871.

January 11th, Cummings boys killed catamount between mouth of Hendricks creek and Pok-Tah's.

March 25th, Court House Building association formed: W. T. Aderhold, chairman, Joseph Treu, secretary, and S. H. Fairfield, treasurer. Other members of committee: Henry Schmitz, Ed. Krapp, Robert Fix, Charles Lehmberg, Peter Thoes, L. Pauly, J. P. Gleich, and A. Schewe. Contract let to build court house: Stone work to Fred Link for \$2,157; carpenter work to Fritz Vollmer at \$2,200, and the plastering to George Bender at \$600.

Mr. Hower's house on Kuenzli creek burned first week in May.

May 21st, a son of Mr. L. Wendland, 11 years old, drowned while in swimming.

May 25th, 200 Indians from Nebraska passed through Alma on a visit to the Kaws, near Council Grove.

June 26th, the nine year old son of J. F. Willard, near Wabaunsee, died from the bite of a rattlesnake.

June 24th, George Colgrove and another horse thief shot by Sheriff Herrick and the sheriff of Dickinson county at a farm house in Mill creek township while resisting arrest. Slept with Will Herrick in same room with his father. Escaped night of July 5th.

July 27th, Schmitz & Meyer had over four tons of butter in cellar.

August 4th, a German named Speckman, 60 years old, drowned in Mill creek, four miles above Alma.

September 20th, August Weber's coat pocket caught in tumbling-rod of threshing machine. Arm, with shoulder blade torn out. Wound dressed by Dr. Brasche and fully recovered.

October 12th, Thomas Barker, Mission creek, lost 200 tons of hay by prairie fire.

October 19th, body of man found in Mill creek, near Aderhold crossing, by L. M. LaDuke. Had been murdered. Pockets turned inside out. Had T. S. W. on arm: age 35 or 40; sandy complexion.

In October, two men named Anderson were caught in prairie fire between Manhattan and Zeandale. One was burned to death and the recovery of the other doubtful.

New school house built in Dist. No. 5; also in No. 11.

November 4th, body of Melancthon Inman found dead on bank of river, four miles below Wamego. Had died October 11th. Was a trapper. John Mock held inquest.

Mr. Henry Klein killed deer weighing 160 pounds on Klein farm on East branch of Mill creek.

Postoffice at Maple Hill established, John Winkler, postmaster. Office supplied from Newbury.

November 14th, eleven men started from Harveyville on a buffalo hunt. Saw only a few old Buffalo and barely escaped freezing. Necessary to keep constantly on the move.

December 23d, contract let for building the bridge over Kansas river at Wamego.

December 23d, a young man named Samuel Walker killed by accidental discharge of gun.

December 26th, Smith Kelsey's house at Wabaunsee burned.

1872.

January. Stabbing affray on Snokomo—Keeler and Ferrin—over a claim.

Smallpox in Berlin settlement (Templin), Alma, and on East branch of Mill creek. Among those dying of smallpox was N. H. Whittemore, county attorney. John T. Keagy was appointed by Judge Morton to fill vacancy.

Tuesday night, January 23d, J. M. Matheny stepped out of west door of State house, falling 20 feet, breaking left thigh and receiving serious injuries in head.

New court house occupied last week in March. St. Marys bridge completed in February and Wamego bridge, in June.

Flock of turkeys ranged in Pauly's timber. Ed. Herrick and Dr. Wharry brought in one weighing 16 lbs.

In April, while C. O. Kinne was with his father in the timber on Mulberry creek a black bear rose on his haunches and after a few growls ambled across the prairie in a northwest direction. Mr. Kinne says he wasn't hunting for bear that day. Hadn't even a pocket knife and wasn't hungry for bear, anyway.

A five year old son of Mr. J. H. Smale died of a chill in the school room—Dist. 30, in March.

March 9th, Alfred Rod, while hunting ducks in Kansas river near mouth of Mill creek, shot accidentally by companion.

March 26th, Rosa, a little daughter of Martin Muckenthaler, of Newbury, burned by clothes catching from fire in yard. Lived until the following day.

April 8th, a 13 year old daughter of Philip Litz drowned in Mill creek. Found by Ferdinand Schmanke three miles above Alma.

April 14th, whirlwind on Nehring branch hurled cow 20 feet, striking against stone wall and breaking her neck.

During the prevalence of smallpox P. F. Johnson made arrangements with Drs. Brasche and Wharry to vaccinate all who desired it free. Dr. Weaver, of Wabaunsee, vaccinated 466 persons during the scare.

Mrs. Catherine Greemore (nee Bourassa), an historical character favorably known to every traveler across the reserve by reason of her many kind acts, died March 17th.

1873.

Robert Shaw operated the first woolen mill in the county—on the head of Mission-creek. Mr. Herb Shaw peddled the product of the mills through the adjacent territory in a two-horse wagon.

In February, John Schwanke was appointed postmaster at Moltke (Cobb); Henry Grimm, at Grimm postoffice, and Charles Lehmberg, at Berlin (Templin).

J. W. McComb killed large catamount within a rod of his house, on Mission creek, in May.

Lincoln house, in Alma, opened by T. R. McElroy, in September.

Among the many losses from prairie fires this year was the residence of Judge Hall, at Wabaunsee, burned Friday night, November 14th. Loss \$4,000, including 60 tons hay, 300 bushels corn, 1,800 lbs. cheese, and 6 fat hogs. Also, Geo. S. Burt's stables, grain, etc. Mr. Finn, near Eskridge, lost hay and stables. Kuenzli and Nicely, a large amount of hay. Much property destroyed on Rock creek. H. J. Loomis, W. H. Coleman, and James McMahan, each lost everything except dwelling.

1874.

Catholic church erected. No resident priest until 1880. Supplied by Jesuit fathers from St. Marys. Then Fr. Hundhausen until 1891; Fr. Hohe until 1892; Fr. Bollwig until 1895; Fr. Cihal, August, 1895, until March, 1896; then Fr. Kamp—the present incumbent.

Sylvester Kraemer, on Rock creek, killed six deer during the heavy snows in January.

John S. Buchanan was appointed postmaster at Wilmington in May. I. L. French, at French Valley, in August, and Geo. W. Moore, at Maple Hill, the same month.

In July, stages left Alma for Wamego, daily; for Silver Lake, twice each week, Tuesdays and Fridays; for Americus and Council Grove, every Wednesday, and for Burlingame and Topeka, every Friday.

In October, 500 Otoe Indians left their reservation in Southern Nebraska, to join the Osages, who were reported going on the war-path. A runner overtook the band at Marysville and induced about half of the warriors to return to the reservation. The remainder got as far as Wamego when they were intercepted by troops sent out from Fort Riley, where the chiefs and head men were imprisoned. About 200 went into camp three miles northeast of Wamego, alarming the settlers by their presence in the vicinity of their homes.

On a trip from Alma to Wamego, in December, a large gray wolf followed the pack several miles. Quite a number of shots were fired before his wolfship changed his course.

During December of this year the first fire department in Alma was organized. John Gibson was mayor.

This is known in Kansas Annals as the "grasshopper year." The grasshoppers (or locusts) came in myriads, obscuring the sun, and in a few short hours transformed a land teeming with plenty into a desert

waste. A truthful story would savor of Munchausonism and the narrator be set down as unworthy of belief. They devoured every green thing, even to the leaves of the trees and their excrement falling into the streams poisoned the fish. Many cattle died from drinking the water and others were fatally poisoned by eating the remains of the fodder shocks on which they had alighted and partly devoured. Melons were eaten to the core and the vines destroyed. A patch of turnips was but as a luncheon, the insects burrowing into the chambers hollowed out by their mandibles. There had been a dearth of moisture and between drouth and the grasshoppers the settlers were ground as between the upper and nether millstones. Millions of holes were bored in the ground, wherein myriads of eggs were deposited, and when the warm sunshine of spring came, from every egg was hatched a grasshopper. To destroy the insects many plans were devised but little was accomplished. They had come as unbidden guests and the plagued pests had seemingly settled down for another feast when their wings were unfolded and they departed—as unceremoniously as they had come, and, it is hoped, to a place where grasshoppers' visits are more welcome than in Kansas.

1875.

The News of January 6th, said: Three more days of pleasant weather will place the Alma Salt Works in full blast.

School opened in the new stone building, January 18th.

On January 20th, fires were started under 25 huge kettles at the Salt Works. The owners were: John Winkler, Joseph Tren, Henry Schmitz, August Meyer, G. Zwanziger, and Frank Rickershauser. The News says: "The town is happy, the community is happy, that there is a permanent manufacturing enterprise in our midst that will be a source of revenue for all time to come." Hundreds of cords of wood, covering several acres of ground were piled near the works. Salt was sold at two dollars a barrel.

The News of March 17th, contained this item: "It is reported that a spring trap went off at a smoke house door on the East branch of Mill creek one night last week and that a certain man has been sick in bed ever since." The smoke house belonged to Ed. Krapp, and the man—died.

April 26th, George Boydston had an eye knocked out by boys throwing stones.

On the night of March 16th, an attempt was made to burn the bank but was frustrated by Harry Licht. The fire was among a lot of

rubbish and a barrel of coal oil and three kegs of powder were already in the blaze.

The News of May 19th, says: "Prof. M. Kast sends up a grand balloon from Winkler's hotel Friday night."

Snokomo P. O. established in June, G. S. Kneeland, postmaster.

Alma made a money order office July 5th, Geo. Fechter, postmaster. First order issued to John T. Keagy.

July 4th, John Spiecker's house struck by lightning. Mr. Spiecker unconscious for six hours.

August 24th, stranger from Missouri, while herding sheep near west line of county, killed by tree falling on him, while asleep.

September 23d, Carl Fink thrown from wagon near Wm. Krieg's place, crossing of Spring creek. Died from injuries following Sunday.

October 17th, F. C. Simon had leg broken in two places while hitching up young horse to light wagon.

October 20th, Gus Droege reports to News raised 120 bushels corn to acre by actual measurement, A. Kettermann reports 800 bushels on six acres.

October, Mrs. Woods, of Rock creek, narrowly escaped death from bite of tarantula.

December 6th, Mr. Battenhoff, of Spring creek, killed near Blasing's, on Deep creek, by team running away. Was coming home from Manhattan with load of lumber.

News, December 8th: "The beavers are building a dam on Mill creek, near east line of Henry Schmitz' new farm. Their work is a curiosity. Large cottonwoods are cut and thrown into the stream with as much precision as though felled by the most expert axemen. Brush and mud are laid upon the logs and their work is well secured. They have already raised the water two feet."

Mails in 1875: Left Alma for Pavilion, Wabaunsee, and Wamego, daily. Left Alma for Newbury, Maple Hill, Plowboy, and Silver Lake, twice a week. Left Alma for Bismark, Eskridge, Harveyville, and Burlingame, weekly. Left Alma for Grimm, Templin, Moss Springs, Munson, and Council Grove, weekly. Left Alma for Rockton, Grant, Dover, and Topeka, weekly. Left Alma for Cobb, Chalk Mound, Agnes City, Dow creek, and Americus, weekly. Left Eskridge for Chalk Mound and Council Grove, weekly. Left Eskridge for French Valley, Waushara, and Emporia, weekly. Left Eskridge for Harveyville and Burlingame, weekly. Left Eskridge for Bismark and Alma, weekly.

1876.

February 2d, Ed. Colcher, age 17, killed in front of school house at Newbury by being thrown from horse, breaking his neck. Horse scared by two dogs fighting.

June 24th, Miss McGregor, of Mission creek, killed by being thrown under horses feet while driving a two-horse wagon.

The sixth annual fair of the Wabaunsee County Agricultural association was held at Alma, October 3-4.

In April, a daughter of Wm. Wiley, of Wabaunsee, died of a snake bite inflicted in 1872.

W. M. Rinehart started store at Corners in the spring of 1876.

At the October term of court W. A. Fry was convicted of maiming in the fourth degree. Escaped from Sheriff Hoskinson. (See page 108).

December 1st, Mrs. Schroeder, of Farmer township, fell dead while milking.

1877.

In February, Rocky Ford postoffice established, M. W. Janes, postmaster.

Friday night, March 2d, type in News office pied. In the fall campaign controversy through the columns of the only newspaper were long and bitter—communications from two to six columns in length were frequent. The Farmer's Savings bank was a bone of contention, it being urged that a levy of an extra mill had been made to secure a surplus for the bank.

Tower to Catholic church erected in March. Rev. Frank B. Smith moved into M. E. parsonage in September.

Bourn's sawmill in Watson's timber, one and one-half miles southwest of Alma.

Item in the News, March 28th: "As Mr. J. W. Emerson was on the road to Wamego one day last week, about two miles west of Wabaunsee a large gray wolf suddenly appeared by the side of the wagon and attacked his large shepherd dog, which was saved only by the interference of Mr. Emerson. Those having little children should be careful not to let them wander from the house, alone."

Stone school house at Harveyville built, size 31x43.

J. M. Lingfelter, at April session, was appointed county superintendent to fill vacancy caused by resignation of F. W. Kroenke.

Cheese factory opened at Wabaunsee in May.

W. T. Pollock opened a store in Col. Sanford's building, -at Eskridge, in October.

Tuesday, July 3d, Marvin, a son of Capt. R. J. Stephenson, was killed by lightning in Maple Hill township while crossing the prairie on horseback. His brother, a mile away, was also stunned, and a son of Mr. Fauerbach was shocked by lightning.

While pulling a gun out of a wagon muzzle foremost Arthur Rand received gunshot wound in arm. Saturday, November 3d, limb amputated by Drs. Patee and Spillman, of Manhattan.

1878.

January 30th, a large wildcat killed by J. W. Bowman on Pretty creek.

Mr. Brooks, of Mission creek, erects windmill to grind grain, in January.

D. P. Matthews, of Maple Hill, died of heart disease while eating breakfast. Left large family; two daughters taught school.

Lutheran and M. E. churches built. Also, Waushara M. E. church.

March 9th, Harvey Thomson's residence on Hendrick's creek burned.

March 31st, Mrs. Bertram Klein, of Halifax, died of heart disease while sitting in her chair.

Buildings being scarce at the "Corners" W. M. Rinehart rented a part of the room occupied by his store to Ira Hodgson for a harness and shoe shop. The two departments were separated by a chalk mark on the floor.

June 30th, W. W. Cone reported a hog raised by D. C. Keeler, of Mission creek, weighing 900 pounds, measuring 7 feet 3 inches long; height, 3 feet 1 inch; breadth, through shoulders, 25 inches; circumference, 7 feet.

While passing under a sycamore tree at the Moon crossing of Mission creek, on Sunday, June 30th, at 4 p. m., Mr. and Mrs. Allen Phillips were killed by lightning. The team was uninjured and stopped in front of Mr. Moon's house, a quarter of a mile west of the creek. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were returning to their home (the Godard ranch) from a visit to his son, L. M. Phillips, of North Topeka. Some time previous Mr. Phillips had expressed the belief that he and his wife would die suddenly and at the same time. Mr. Phillips was one of the first settlers in Newbury township and was one of the five men who laid out the town of Newbury. Was a lead-

ing citizen, and owned one of the best farms in the county, being extensively engaged in raising wheat.

On February 7th, the following were enrolled in the principal's department of the Alma school (two teachers were employed): Otto Zwanziger, Ottilie and Arthur Schmitz, Otto Hess, Willie and Minnie Pauly, Charles, Jerry, James, Sell, and Ulysses Fields, Emma and Richard Thoes, Margery, Lizzie, and John McElroy, Geo. Fechter, Amelia, Robert, Arthur, and Otto Winkler, Frank Lenk, Frank Jackson, Emil Beutel, George and Wille Huebner, Rosa, Maggie, and Frank Ressler, Josie, Ida, and Frank Wiedemann, Matilda and Henry Palenske, and Joseph Hensel.

1879.

No newspaper file could be found for this year.

August 2d, 138,700 bonds voted for M. A. & B. Railroad, to run 30 years from July 1, 1880.

1880.

Eskridge (the new town) platted in April and first house hauled on the town site by Dr. Trivett and placed on corner where bank now located. First residence built by Dr. Trivett, for O. T. Lamb.

August 4th, Fred Muehlebach found dead in timber. Disappeared the 3d. Grape vine around neck with body supported by pole.

January 5th, attempt made to break into vault in county treasurer's office. Hole drilled through outer door, powder poured in and exploded. Vault now used by surveyor.

March 16th, Wille Fortner, Zeandale, while out hunting shot by accidental discharge of companion's gun.

May 23d, M. Gehrts' house burned.

The News of June 30th says of Eskridge: "J. H. Lawler has opened a hotel, and Mudge, a general store. Three or four dwellings erected and foundations for others.

July 5th (the 4th coming on Sunday) was a gala day for Alma. 5,000 people and 5 bands. Alma was celebrating the 4th and our first railroad. Col. Sanford delivered excellent speech concerning the growth of transportation facilities in the United States.

July 18th, railroad reached Wabaunsee.

Fairfield postoffice established, Hiram Musselman, postmaster.

July 26th, arrangements made to move buildings at the "Corners" to Eskridge.

August 25th, S. T. Wright making 20 barrels salt per day at Alma Salt Works.

September 1st, first mail carried on M. A. & B.

September 17th, William Hare, brakeman on M. A. & B., got foot caught in switch at Alma depot and two wheels ran over leg, necessitating amputation. Accident occurred Friday morning and operation performed at 5 p. m. Died during operation.

1881.

In 1881, contracts were let to run mail lines from Alma by way of Newbury, Paxico, Maple Hill, Post creek, Plowboy, and Valencia, to Topeka. From Alma via Grimm, Templin, Albion, Chester, Damorris, and Luther, to Council Grove. From Junction City via Briggs and Elvenia, to Alma. From Waushara via Wilmington, to Burlingame. From Eskridge via Chalk and Alburtis, to Council Grove. From Eskridge via French Valley, Allen, Ivy, and Dell, to Emporia. From Bismarck (Halifax) via Rockton, Snokomo, Mission creek, Keene, and Dover, to Topeka.

January 7th, Charlie Vannatta had left leg shattered by accidental discharge of shotgun. Died Tuesday following.

January 14th, Bennington Ayres, Wabaunsee, commits suicide.

February 14th, Alexander Chambers, teamster for the "Colony" (Rock creek) found frozen on prairie.

September 1st, Newt Gann killed by lightning while riding a mule and leading some horses, six miles northwest of Alma.

September 8th, German, named Hestel dropped dead while plowing in field on Kuenzli creek.

September 27th, first big fire in Alma. Krueger building burned at noon. Supposed cause: Boys and matches. G. G. Cornell lost library of 1,000 volumes, family souvenirs and valuable manuscript. Dr. Greene lost library. Fred Meyer and Mrs. Sawallsch lost everything.

October 5th, Matt. Fooks kills George Miller on Spring creek. (See page 162).

November, foundation for Congregational church in Alma put in—for stone building.

Mr. S. T. Wright reports making 25 to 30 barrels purest salt per day at Alma Salt Works.

1882.

January 20th, suicide of G. W. Adam—shotgun.

April 5th, Charles McQuarrie shot Armenia Lapham and himself at the Lapham farm, Wabaunsee.

April 14th, Mrs. Semena Cann's body found in Farmer township, 200 yards from house, in hazel brush. Last seen about March 6th.

A. Ketterman found pieces of lead as large as peas in sand pump while drilling well one and one-half miles south of Alma.

March 31st, Francis Downey kicked to death by horse. Thrown and caught foot in harness.

May 14th, Evangelical church dedicated.

August 17th, Congregational church and cemetery at Maple Hill dedicated.

1883.

Annie, the two year old daughter of W. E. Richey, fell from south end of west porch at State house. Fell 20 feet.

April 13th, buildings at Meyer place, used for poor farm, demolished by cyclone.

April 13th, Daniel McGonigle, Kaw, killed by lightning.

April 14th, the five year old son of C. Kobiske died from hydrophobia.

June, Fred Meyer feeding 30,000 silk worms on leaves of the Osage orange.

October, Copp erected telephone line from store to his house.

Nov. 8th, W. H. Earl's house burned near Eskridge; loss, \$2,000.

December 17th, F. L. Raymond's house at Vera damaged \$300 by fire.

1884.

May 6th, a small cyclone demolished house occupied by J. Liston and family, Maple Hill. Family had just left the house.

52 buildings erected in Alma during the year.

The News of May 21st said that the number of plug hats seen on the streets was another evidence of Alma's advancement towards metropolitan importance.

June 13th, corner stone of Catholic church at Newbury laid.

July 23d, Wm. Maike fell 26 feet, receiving severe injuries to spine while building Newbury church.

October 16th, Greenwood's barn, Kaw township, burned. .

October 27th, remains of Charles Koch found by John Bingaman, half mile north of Hendricks creek crossing. Identified by clothing; last seen April 18th.

November 1st, Licht & Lingfelter put in telephone from their land office to court house.

November 9th, Frank McKee, 15 year old son of Henry McKee, near Eskridge, killed by accidental discharge of gun.

November 15th, August Kietzmann, Sr., dropped dead in his yard.

November 16th, George D. Godard accidentally killed by gun being drawn through fence.

1885.

January 25th, M. E. church, at Wabaunsee, dedicated.

March, Rockton postoffice established; Agnes Hill, postmistress.

March 10th, R. B. Spillman appointed judge.

March 28th, A. O. Hogbin's barn and six horses burned.

May 25th, James Sparks died at Star hotel (opposite Mrs. Meyer's) from overdose of laudanum.

June 22d, Ham Stone's house, Maple Hill, burned by lamp upsetting.

July 18th, fire in rear of F. C. Simon's store—loss \$1,000.

August 17th, stone barn of W. S. Combs, Kaw, burned—horses and machinery.

September 12th, John Ewing, on A. Norlin's place died of kick from a horse.

October 2d, Geo. Holmes' barn, three horses burned.

November 8th, wildcat killed three miles south of Alma.

November 15th, Arthur Haller killed by accidental discharge of gun.

November, postoffice at Elvenia discontinued.

December 13th, Dura Warren's residence, Maple Hill, burned. Loss \$7,000.

1886.

January 9th, Lewis Clark's house, Snokomo, burned.

February 13th, M. W. Janes' barn burned, Maple Hill, loss \$7,000.

June 3d, John Clark's barn, Elm creek, burned, loss \$6,000.

June 26th, young man named Krleger killed by lightning on Pretty creek. While plowing took shelter in vacant house.

July 17th, Rock Island bonds voted. In four townships 690 for and 29 against.

August 20th, A. Stech's house, near Paxico, burned.

August 29th, the 14 year old son of B. F. Funkhouser, Mission creek, drowned while bathing.

August 30th, Arthur Hare, eight years old, drowned while bathing in Mill creek at Alma.

October 19th, barn on Fowler's ranch burned by lamp explosion—15 horses—loss \$10,000.

Pike laid out by W. D. Deans in October. Name changed to Cable City, and in March, 1887 to Alta Vista.

Paxico laid out and named in December.

1887.

March 8th, Allen Hodgson's house, near Harveyville, burned.

March 21st, Fred Jackson's house, Snokomo, burned.

March 25th, Rock Island reaches Alma.

March 26th, Timothy McCarthy killed by James Sleet on Rock Island grade, near Templin.

May, McFarland laid out and platted.

June 19th, H. J. Pippert's barn, Alma, burned.

August 18th, Mrs. Milton Riggln, near Wilmington, killed by lightning.

August 25th, M. Gehrt's house, Paxico, burned.

September 24th, Mrs. Brüegger's house, West Alma, burned.

October 10th, Matt Thomson's barn, Alma, burned.

November, Congregational parsonage completed.

December 12th, Brandt hotel opened.

Wamego bridge made free April 12th.

July 31st, August Herman drowned near M. A. & B. bridge.

October 7th, Jack O'Donnell run over and killed by cars at Rock Island depot.

St. Marys bridge made free October 20th.

November 15th, D. K. Pugh thrown off abutment of Rock Island bridge, west of Maple Hill. Lived five minutes; fell 22 feet.

November 5th, Frank Rice, brakeman, killed at Paxico.

1888.

January 16th, J. F. Limerick and ten others injured in wreck on Rock Island, one mile west of Willard. Two sleepers derailed.

February 19th, ten freight cars fell through Deep creek bridge. Millard Foster, fireman, killed.

March 4th, Anthony Saddler killed at McFarland in attempting to board moving freight train.

April 11th, James Woods' child, Rock creek, drowned in spring.

April 13th, Alma postoffice burglarized and safe blown open.

April 21st, 13 year old son of T. C. Austin died from kick of mule.

August 3d, Jersey Small's residence, Maple Hill township, destroyed by lightning; loss \$10,000.

August 3d, Watson & Aderhold's store at McFarland demolished in wind storm.

September 15th, Herman Oehms, 11 years old, badly crippled at Paxico while attempting to cross the track in front of incoming train.

October 3d, 100 Pottawatomie Indians passed through Alma going on a visit with friends in Indian Territory.

November 3d, J. E. Torrington, of Topeka, while hunting near Maple Hill, had nearly all flesh torn from lower part of arm while pulling loaded gun from wagon.

November 9th, 75 head of cattle killed in M. A. & B. wreck near Pavillon.

November 19th, H. P. Jesse, a brakeman, killed while coupling cars at Maple Hill.

1889.

January 23d, Bank of Wabaunsee county failed with \$20,000 liabilities.

February 14th, James Nelson, Mission creek, suicides. Had deeded his property to his wife. She died, leaving the property to her sisters in Sweden. A refusal of one of the sisters to marry Nelson was followed by the tragedy near Eskridge.

February 22d, a vein of coal 3 feet 8 inches thick reported at a depth of 1,680 feet at Alma coal hole.

March, first term of court 35th judicial district, Wm. Thomson, judge; C. E. Carroll, stenographer.

April 4th, C. L. Hine, while working in a box car at McFarland, killed by pistol shot fired by Chas. E. Jackson from near Denver house, 150 yards distant.

April 1st, J. H. Lynn's barn and two horses burned in prairie fire near Paxico.

April 14th, unknown man suicides at Hotel Paxico.

April 7th, Willetts' barn burned—17 horses.

May 8th, C. Kuenzli's barn burned by lightning; loss \$1,000.

July, Vera postoffice established—at "Grafton."

June 24th, Alma State Bank opened for business.

July 18th, Adam Diehl's two year old child drowned in hole of water at Paxico.

July 28th, seven tribes participate in Indian dances near St. Marys.

September 2d, Robert Walter run over by freight train and killed—midnight.

October 28th, 14 cars derailed by cow on track on Frank Rieker-shauser's farm, near Paxico.

October, Conrad Mogge thrown from cart in crossing ditch and killed.

November 2d, corner stone of M. E. church, Alta Vista, laid.

November 3d, E. Worsley's barn and three horses burned, Maple Hill. Boys shooting pigeons.

December 2d, Billy Moore's house, Alma, burned:

December, panther seen on Hendricks creek. Welfelt boys capture 25 beaver before Christmas. Muskrats, mink, and skunks by the score.

1890.

January 6th, Stephen Perkins, the village blacksmith at Halifax, dies suddenly. When found was sitting at stove with half filled pipe in his hand.

January 3d, John Zellers house, barn, and granary, Paxico, burned.

January 12th, Palenske building and Wetzel property (Conrad Mueller's) burned. Losses: L. Palenske, \$6,500; C. Mueller, \$2,500; H. M. Berry, \$1,000; D. W. Johnson, \$1,000; M. Kast, \$500; Masonic Lodge, \$300; T. Morris, \$250; Alma State Bank, \$200; Henry Stein, \$150.

January 12th, McNemar's store at Fairfield burned. Postoffice in building.

March 13th, William Crockett and Frank Leggitt killed at coal shaft.

March 15th, Wm. Holvey knocked from scaffold and killed while cleaning ice from coal shaft.

March 29th, Jacob S. Crohn knocked off of blind baggage and run over by train at McFarland. Raked by brake rods. Died in Alma, April 3d.

German M. E. church on Rock creek erected. Also Lutheran church and school house, in Alma.

March 12th, big fire at Eskridge; burning all buildings on west side, between Mudge's and Trusler's. Loss \$25,000. E. L. Shumate & Son, W. H. Mills, J. W. Taylor, and Parmiter & Co., being main losers.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



RESIDENCE OF MR. ANTON SCHEWE, Farmer Township.



RESIDENCE OF MR. FRED THOWE, Farmer Township.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. JACOB TERRASS, Farmer Township.



RESIDENCE OF MR. AUGUST HANSEN, near McFarland.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



RESIDENCE OF MR. OTTO HESS, Halifax.



RESIDENCE OF MR. WILLIAM DREBING, near Halifax.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



RESIDENCE OF MR. FRANK BLANC, Illinois Creek.



RESIDENCE OF MR. CHAS. ZECKSER, on West Branch.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



RESIDENCE OF MR. GUS DROEGE, Farmer Township.



RESIDENCE OF MR. JOSEPH THOES, Farmer Township.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



HOME AND FARM BUILDINGS OF MR. FRANK RICKERSHAUSER, near Paxico.

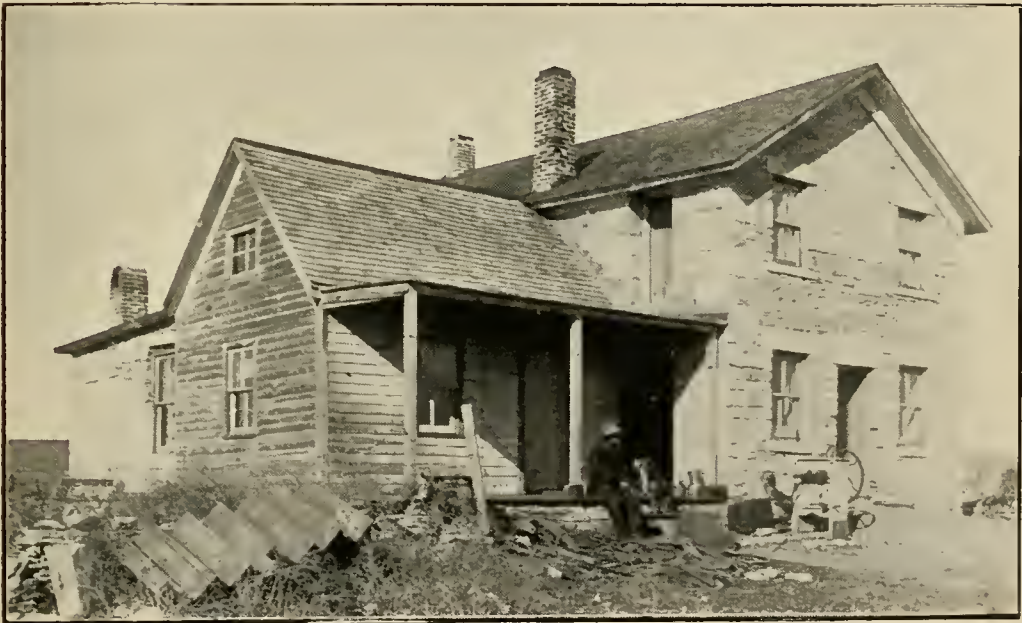


RESIDENCE OF MR. CHRISTIAN KUENZLI (deceased.)

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



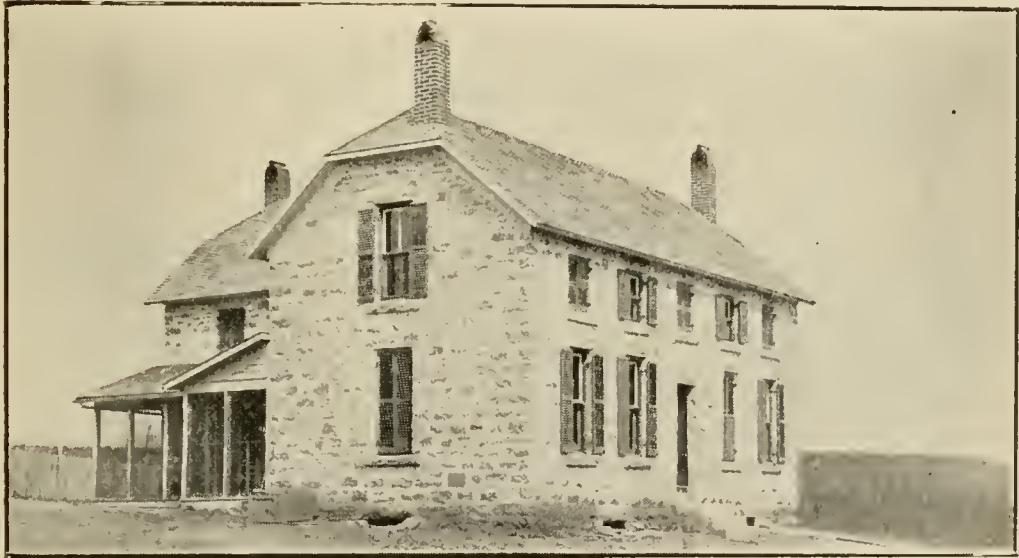
THRESHING AT THE PALENSKE FARM, NEAR ALMA.



RESIDENCE OF COL. E. H. SANFORD (deceased).
The First House in Eskridge.



RESIDENCE OF MR. JOHN SCHWALM, Kuenzli Creek.



RESIDENCE OF MR. CHRIS THOWE, Farmer Township.

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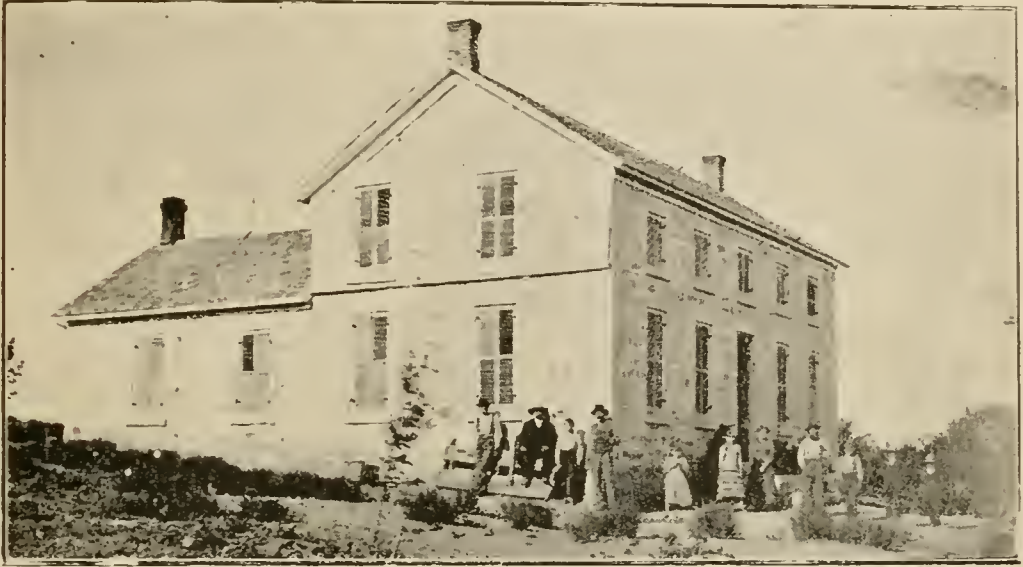


ALMA ROLLER MILLS, H. F. DISBROW, PROPRIETOR.



SCENE AT DAVIS BROS.' RANCH, 1898.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



RESIDENCE OF MR. WILLIAM HORNE, Spring Creek.



RESIDENCE OF THE LATE MR. D. A. WOODARD, Wilmington Township.

March 23d, a destructive prairie fire passes through Mill creek and Newbury townships.

March 24th, Warren, Saxton & Offord's barn, Maple Hill, burned. Loss \$20,000. Ten imported stallions.

March 30th, A. C. Kuenzli's meat market, Paxico, burned.

April 7th, A. Kettermann's barn, corn, hay, and wheat burned.

June 27th, Wm. Baldwin, engineer on Rock Island, knocked from step and killed by bridge over Mission creek.

July 3d, Fowler Bros. largest barn struck by lightning and burned in 30 minutes.

October 6th, Squire Cantrill, Harveyville, shipped hog to Kansas City market that weighed 980 pounds.

July 27th, Henry Michaelis' wheat stacks burned.

August 22d, Charlie Zwanziger's barn burned.

September 8th, ten empty cars wrecked at Dan Morlan place on M., A. & B.

October, Thos. Cousins severely cut by corn cutter in runaway.

November 9th, First National Bank (J. F. Limerick, president) suspended.

December 4th, Pancoast house, Alma, burned.

December 22d, old Alma hotel, bank building and Allen Bros. store burned.

December 23d, Alliance corn crib, power corn sheller and freight car burned at Harveyville.

1891.

January 2d, David Crawford fell forty feet off of Santa Fe bridge—arm broken.

January 5th, Goddard's barn, Vera, burned—spontaneous combustion.

February 17th, Rocky Ford bridge, Maple Hill, completed. McCrumb bridge and Dry Creek bridges completed in March.

Double arch bridge at Dieball crossing completed.

Church at Templin dedicated, September 20th.

March 1st, Dowell killed Wheaton, near Alta Vista, in dispute over rented farm.

March 17th, the biggest steer on record, the property of L. Pauly, died; 7 feet high and weighed 2,600 pounds. Hide weighed 300.

April 21st, C. C. Brooks drowned while attempting to cross Mission creek.

June 4th, coal chute at McFarland burned.

School house at McFarland completed in November.

Belvue bridge, cost \$8,000, completed December 1st.

15,000 foreign cattle grazed in Wabaunsee county this year.

September, L. Huebner's house, Hendricks creek, burned.

Peter Lang had both legs broken in runaway, caused by load of lumber slipping forward on team while going down hill.

1892.

John E. Mayes committed suicide in cemetery at Wabaunsee.

March 3d, Dr. Culp escaped from Alma jail by the aid of keys made from a piece of broom handle. Run over and killed by cars at Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 4th.

March 30th, Frank Meier's barn, near Halifax, with one cow and five horses burned.

April 4th, stone school house in Dist. 18 demolished by cyclone.

September 17th, drill for coal at McFarland reached a depth of 1,700 feet.

M. E. church at Bradford dedicated.

October, Liederkrantz singing society organized in Alma.

December, Bates Bros. left Vera.

50 quarrymen and stone cutters employed at Fox's quarries, four miles southwest of Alma.

July 16th, George Eden, baggagemaster, killed in Indiana. While train was backing piece of coupling pin broke and hit George in head.

1893.

New addition to court house erected.

February 11th, Louis Drebing killed a deer near Halifax.

April 9th, George Berroth's house, midway between Alma and Wamego, burned.

April 18th, Jesse Cahill shot in breast by Ira Johnson at Junction City.

January 8th, remains of Wm. Keeler, killed at Falls City, Nebraska, brought to Alma for burial.

January 11th, H. G. Richter killed 27 jack rabbits at Templin.

February 7th, James Carroll injured in wreck on the Big Four, near Pana, Illinois. 91 passengers injured and baggageman burned in wreck.

February 13th, Louis Muchlenbacher killed by flying limb while felling a tree. Rendered speechless by wound in head.

February, four members of Tillman family died with measles—death resulting from exposure on deck of vessel in New York harbor.

March, Prairie band of Pottawatomies paid at St. Marys. Each received \$95.75.

J. Francis Harris, the long haired man—not from Borneo, but from the hills of Michigan, the Black Hills, and other parts of the world too numerous to mention, discovers Alma.

April 18th, fire at Rosenstengel's, near Newbury.

April 7th, Otto Graf Von Wartensleben died at Wheaton, Texas. Son-in-law of Charles Hanson; Count; belonged to one of leading German families. Great traveler and showed with much pride invitations to royal receptions. Had letters of recommendation from titled personages in old world. Taught home school in Dist. 18.

James Lumsden one of 300 cowboys to start from Chadron, Nebraska, July 3d, for World's fair, Chicago.

October, quite a number of pigs killed by wolves four miles south of Alma.

October 15th, three colored men killed in collision at Paxico.

October 22d, John Sudweeks' residence, Eskridge, burned.

October 23d, Fred Miller's house, South branch, burned—lamp explosion.

October 28th, Conrad Zehner found dead in his office.

Sunday, December 10th, Miss May Withgot, Paxico, injured in runaway. Died Tuesday.

December 19th, Franz Meier's house near coal shaft burned.

June 30th, Mrs. J. M. Eck struck by lightning.

1894.

January 11th, S. H. Fairfield's office building, McFarland, burned.

February 2d, Henry Biesterfeldt badly injured by overturned wagon on grade of Belvue bridge. Died October 1, 1897. Constant sufferer for nearly four years.

January 22d, the divorced wife of Ira Johnson dies from symptoms of poisoning. Died at Charles Wenzel's.

February 10th, John Johnson killed by falling off stone abutment of Rock Island bridge over Hendricks creek.

March 2d, Jo Davis killed by Hugh Russell at Paxico. Struck in back of head by rock thrown by Russell.

March 12th, James Enlow's house, Wabaunsee, burned.

March 17th, Peter Muehlenbacher murdered. (See pages 157-161).

April 23d, Ad Thompson's house, Mission creek, burned.

June 13th, Henry, the five year old son of Carl Maike, drowned by

falling headlong into a barrel while attempting to feed the pigs.
 July 4th, Charlie Zwanziger's house, near Alma, burned. Before retiring the smell of burning pine caused search for fire but could not be located. Mr. John Winkler going home from celebration awakened the family.

July 9th, Connell's blacksmith shop, Paxico, burned.

August 6th, Oke Anderson, Nehring branch, found dead in stock well.

August 6th, freight train parted between Volland and Alma, causing collision at Alma depot. 47 head of cattle killed.

August 7th, Lillian Smith fell from top to bottom of outside stairway, Kaufman building.

August 8th, Mrs. Matt. Thomson, Alma, while opening shutters fell from second story window; severely injured.

August 10th, Dr. Trivett, J. Y. Waugh, and John Sudweeks injured in runaway.

August 14th, James Driver's granary, near Vera, burned.

October 14th, M. E. church, Kaw township, dedicated.

1895.

January, vein of red marble found while digging a well on farm of Rev. O. F. Zeckser, Templin.

Sunday, January 27th, 5 p. m., Commercial House burned—defective flue.

January 30th, Henry N. Castle and wife lost, with 400 passengers, on steamer Elbe, between San Francisco and Sandwich Islands.

February 3d, Scheidt building, owned by C. Wertzberger, burned.

March 1st, Chas. Zwanziger's house and barn, near Alma, burned.

March 15th, Stuewe Bros. opened Bank of Alma.

March 24th, Solscheid building, in Alma, burned.

April 5th, Biglin school house (Jt. Dist. 30) demolished by cyclone. Considerable damage done on Illinois creek.

July 11th, tri-weekly mail service put on between Alma and Eskridge on account of washout on M. A. & B., July 4th. 12 inches rain fell. 150 men repairing track and building bridges.

September 14th, Dr. Trivett found body of Simon Griffith in his house, near Bradford. Death had resulted from a self-inflicted gunshot wound about six days before.

September 18th, George Ewing's house, barn, and granary, five miles northwest of Alma, burned.

John Clifford Smith, Maple Hill, accidentally shot while looking for some article in a trunk. Died nine hours later.

October 19th, fire discovered under stairway in Brandt's hotel. Timely discovery saved building.

1896.

January, Joseph Tillman, Newbury, loses four children, measles, exposed in N. Y. harbor by quarantine officer.

January 5th, Vet Stratton's residence near Alta Vista, burned while family were at church.

February 4th, 2 p. m., Richter building, occupied by Louis Schroeder, furniture, and restaurant occupied by Enlow, burned.

March 12th, three different fires at Cornell's residence in Alma—10 a. m., noon and 7 p. m. The fire caught from the thimble through the ceiling, extending along the joists to the sides and roof. Only by the most strenuous exertions was the building saved.

March 16th, Daniel Shoecraft, of Eskridge, and young grandson, Byron Shoecraft, of St. Joseph, Mo., drowned at Krapp crossing of Mill creek. The train being late, Claude Shumate undertook to drive them to Eskridge. Mr. Shoecraft sank immediately, but the little boy, after drifting 200 yards, caught an overhanging limb. Claude secured a rope at Geo. Screiber's (Lund place) and threw it three times, but Byron failed to catch it. With a parting "good bye" the noble little fellow went down in the turbid waters of Mill creek. Three hundred searchers came together and at 3 p. m. Sunday the bodies were found, about ten feet apart, a quarter of a mile below the crossing. Jim Moore found the body of little Byron and but a moment later Mr. Shoecraft's body was found by Elmer Meredith. At the time this was the only crossing between Alma and Eskridge without a bridge.

March 16th, Wm. Wehrle, formerly of Halifax, found murdered on his claim near Alva, Oklahoma.

March 19th, Frank Mitchell murdered (see page 155).

March 26th, Fred Steinmeyer, Sr., had both shoulders dislocated in a runaway.

March 28, Alma purchased her first fire apparatus and 500 feet of hose from Junction City for \$250.

April 14th, opera house (lower floor Odd Fellows building) narrowly escaped destruction by overturned lamp—flames rose to ceiling.

April 17th, the James Driver building on East Main St., Alma, burned, 3 a. m.

April 23d, John McWilliams' residence in Kaw township, burned.

April 24th, cloudburst on Spring creek, wall of water 10 feet high. Geo. Schade lost 24 head of stock and Conrad Mueller 2 head. Herman Kesitzke compelled to climb a tree where he remained till the flood subsided.

December 26th, Herman Zeckser, 16 year old son of Aug. Zeckser, lost three fingers by gun explosion.

On the same day J. M. Lee and Ed. Coxen narrowly escaped drowning while crossing Mill creek east of the poor farm.

May 20th, Jansen's house near Maple Hill, destroyed by a small cyclone; also the house of John Gilkerson near Valencia. The funnel-shaped cloud was plainly visible from Maple Hill and Newbury.

May, Charles Hanson narrowly escaped drowning at the Krieg crossing of Spring creek. Team drowned, but Mr. Hanson caught on a tree. Henry Reuter waded as far as he could, then with a long pole succeeded in extricating Mr. Hanson from his perilous position.

June 18th, Isidor Haller's corn cribs, with 1,700 bushels corn burned.

July 9th, James Mullin, aged 21, drowned by bank caving in while fishing in Rock creek.

July 12th, Johnnie Christensen, the 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Christensen, of Alta Vista, thrown from horse, dying two days later from injuries received.

August, Alta Vista camp Sons of Veterans mustered.

August 23d, Eddie Anderson, Halifax, had heel crushed between bumpers while attempting to cross between the cars of a cattle train.

September 2d, a small building owned by X. Wiedemann in southeast part of Alma burned at midnight.

November 29th, DeWitt Allendorph, while out hunting with Roy Hensel was shot by the accidental discharge of his shotgun that he had leaned against an old unused boiler in Mr. Pauly's timber. A part of the collar bone and four inches of the arm bone were removed by a surgical operation. The best of care and a strong constitution insured an early and complete recovery.

1897.

January 8th, a 14 year old son of Henry Hupe, Kaw township, starting on a hunt slipped on icy porch, discharging contents of shotgun in abdomen. Buried following day.

January 25th, Rock Island depot, Maple Hill, burned.

McMahan property, built for Odd Fellows Hall, and Jouvenal building burned Saturday night, January 29th.

February 26th, a brakeman whose home was in Belleville, killed at crossing of M. A. & B. track, near Pavilion. His first trip. Blinded by steam and walked between cars.

March 3d, Stone's store, Wabaunsee, burglarized.

March 6th, Jacob Bagwell killed by train near Eskridge.

March 13th, Elma, the three year old daughter of F. Stuewe, died from result of an operation.

March 28th, Sammie Hull accidentally shot in hand at Eskridge.

April 22d, Henry Miller's house on Paw Paw creek destroyed by cyclone. Henry's leg broken in two places; August, his 7 year old son, killed; Paulina, aged 3, arm broken; Mrs. Miller, bad cut in leg; Bessie Simmerwell bruised all over, and Paul Schmanke slightly injured. Path of storm 8 feet wide. Struck hill east of house and disappeared in clouds.

April 23d, Ed. Krapp's house burned. Mrs. Krapp making soap, boiled over setting house on fire.

New stone school house in Dist. 45 built.

May 26th, small barn near Lutheran church burned. Small boy and matches.

May 13th, James Driver's house, Paxico, burned.

June 21st, Commercial house barn burned, at midnight.

July 8th, Mrs. Robert Enlow died as result of operation performed in Topeka.

August 21st, Mrs. Green, Wabaunsee, seriously burned by exploding lamp.

October 19th, club house, Paxico, fired by incendiary. Building saved by hard work.

October 28th, Henry Wille fired house and barn and killed himself.

November 11th, Herman Diepenbrock's slaughter house burned.

November 17th, Willie Pries playing with matches set fire to house. Extinguished by Vena Lang.

December 5th, Scott Willis, Maple Hill, found dead.

1898.

January 3d, Alma National Bank opened for business.

May 4th, John Thomas shot four persons at Maple Hill. (See page 17).

July 16th, the Allm home, the property of Chris. Anderson, and lately vacated by him, caught fire while five children were asleep. Mary, Eva, and Edna, aged 13, 3, and 9, burned to death. Others badly burned.

Evangelical church, Wells creek, dedicated. Rev. Abele assisted by Revs. Silbermann, Kallich, Nagel, and Barkmann.

August 9-15th, M. A. & B. track, Alma to Manhattan, torn up.

August 31st, Catholic fair and festival at Liederkrantz Park—\$700 receipts.

September 27th, Bradford mill burned.

September 29th, the two year old son of John Haynes, near Keene, badly mutilated by hogs—having strayed from house and fallen into pen.

October 5th, Wm. Correll killed at bridge near John Boettcher's while leaning from cab window.

October 17th and 18th, worst blizzard ever known for the season, many cattle in pastures dying.

November 19th, five wagon loads of Pottawatomie Indians passed through Alma on way from Indian Territory to Reserve.

November 30th, John Thoes found dead on north side of Ad. Lund's barn. Had been dragged four miles. Had left Alma at 8 p. m. the night before. 17 years before, Nick Thoes, a brother, had been drowned at the crossing 200 yards north of where body was found, E. Wetzel, with him at the time, swimming ashore. Creek swollen from melting snows.

December 5th, service from Alma to Manhattan over Rock Island discontinued.

December, new school house in Dist. 15 completed.

1899.

January 9th, George McCrumb run over and killed one mile east of McFarland.

January 18th, John Spiecker's house, four miles south of Alma, burned.

January 22d, LaFayette Ditty, former resident of Alma, drowned himself and son on "Lucky Baldwin's" ranch, near Los Angeles, Cal.

February 6th, Catholic church, Alma, burned 3:30 a. m. Built in 1874. Richly furnished. Organ, vestments, and decorations. Building 38x60, with tower on west end, 16x16. Loss \$10,000.

February 7th, G. Nehring had ankle badly shattered while cutting tree on Nehring branch.

March 16th, Wm. Freeman, express messenger, burned in wreck at Volland; 4 cars burned.

March 20th, Guy Lumsden killed on A. M. Jordan's farm, Kuenzli creek. Team ran away and struck tree, upsetting wagon on pile of rails, with body underneath.

March, McFarland depot moved from north to south side of track.

June 15th, postoffice at Fairfield discontinued.

August 22d, Catholic picnic at Liederkrantz park; receipts \$600.

October 8th, Waushara M. E. church dedicated. 34x50 and cost \$1,600. Replaced old church built in 1878.

August 30th, James Herron's barn, Plumb township, burned, with five horses.

October, Miller precinct established.

October 27th, Harry Sparling thrown from horse near Eskridge, dying next day.

June 16th, son of David Oliver, Maple Hill, killed by horse falling backwards. Just one year before to a day another son was drowned.

June 28th, Harry Tandy and Calvin Burger murdered at McFarland.

June 27th, Wm. Drebing died at his home on Mill creek. (See biography).

July 6th, cloudburst Clapboard ravine came near resulting in disaster to the four families camping out. 13 cars ditched on M. A. & B. at Leo. Gersbach's, and washout at Volland on Rock Island.

December 19th, new Catholic church dedicated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Fink. Corner stone laid August 27th.

1900.

January 1st, John Sudweeks appointed county commissioner to fill vacancy caused by death of C. N. Earl.

January 15th, Harvey Roark, aged 15, killed by horse falling on him while driving cattle on Muehlenbacher branch.

April, Eskridge State Bank organized.

June 20th, Alta Vista Bank opened.

August 10th, W. H. Collier's house, Alma, burned.

August 30th, 10,000 people at Woodmen celebration, Alma.

August 31st, Rock Island depot burned 1:30 a. m.

October 14th, Mr. Hearn's barn (on Dierker place) burned.

November 19th, barn at Kinne place, occupied by D. U. Millison burned.

December 2d, Evangelical church, Wells creek, dedicated, 700 present.

December 24th, 17 year old son of Mr. Blair, Maple Hill, killed by discharge of gun he was trying to pull through hedge, muzzle foremost.

December 28th, George Thierer, Volland, accidentally shot by discharge of gun his brother was cleaning.

While attempting to board freight train at McFarland tramp fell off bridge breaking several ribs and dislocating hip.

1901.

January 25th, Rock Island depot burned, origin of fire unknown.

February 13th, Alva Feaghans, of Alma, killed in Philippines.

June, new Lutheran parsonage completed. Old building sold to Mr. Collier for residence.

June 26th, John Olson committed suicide.

August 1st, Stuewe Bros. lose 250 tons alfalfa by spontaneous combustion.

September 30th, wreck at Maple Hill, stock killed.

November 3d, Woodmen hall and two other buildings burned, Maple Hill.

November 10th, Charles Maas, aged 17, killed by accidental discharge of gun.

November, Fred Slusser, fireman on M. A. & B., killed in collision with Mo. Pac. at Osage City.

July 19th, Johnnie Schilling, 8 years old, accidentally killed by gun in hands of 10 year old sister.

Clyde Burkett, 14 year old son of Jerry Burkett, 6 miles east of Eskridge, killed by lightning.

1902.

January 1st, only four of the Connecticut colony in the county: A. A. Cottrell, S. A. Baldwin, J. F. Willard, and Wm. Mitchell.

February 4th, L. Pries' store, Alma, burned, 1 a. m.; loss \$14,000.

Dolley & Stewart's store at Maple Hill burned. Loss \$25,000.

March 28th, L. B. Moss, of Trenton, Missouri, brakeman on Rock Island, killed at McFarland.

April 22d, a Mr. Quinn drowned in Mill creek at Maple Hill.

May 13th, half mile of Rock Island track washed out on Henry Grimm's farm, near Volland.

Newspaper History.

The News: First paper in county, first number issued as *The Wabaunsee County Herald*, by Sellers & Bertram, Alma, April 1st, 1869. Bertram sold his interest to S. H. Fairfield, October 28th, 1869. March 9th, 1871, S. H. Fairfield became sole proprietor and changed name to *Alma Union*, with R. M. Tunnell, as local editor till November 12th, 1871. May 1st, 1872, Sellers becomes sole proprietor and changes name to *Wabaunsee County News*. Sold to Nathan Hughes, October 10th, 1883. Sold to D. W. Scott, August 24th, 1887, and on July 5th, 1888, to I. D. Gardiner, who changes name to *The Alma News*. Sells an interest to F. W. Graham in December, 1889. A. O. Grigsby takes charge of the paper December 8th, 1892, and retires November 23d, 1893, leaving L. H. Gregory as manager. January 11th, 1894, the paper suspends publication. The material is shipped to Topeka and the subscription list sold to the *Alma Enterprise*.

The Alma Blade, R. Cunningham & Co. First number, Alma, March 14th, 1877, and last issue February 20th, 1878. The *Mail* was issued from the *Blade* office during the fall campaign of 1877.

The Wabaunsee County Herald, J. B. Campbell & Bro., editors. First issue, Alma, October 1880. Sold to W. W. Cone, September 1881, and name changed to the *Home Weekly*. Moved to Eskridge, January 25th, 1882. April, 1885, Cone sold to Richey & Andrews—*The Home Weekly Publishing Co.*, Henry Rickel, editor, till October 29th, 1885, when paper was sold to D. V. Dowd. Consolidated with the *Eskridge Star*, September 13th, 1888.

The Alma Enterprise, Vol. 1, No. 1, Welch & Sage, editors. First number issued October 11th, 1884. Welch sold interest to O. W. Little, October 16th, 1891, since which time the paper has been conducted by Sage & Little.

The Paxico Courier, L. E. Hoffman, editor. First number September 1st, 1888. Leased to Oscar Rose, June 21st, 1889. Bought by Matt. Thomson September 1st, 1889. Material moved to Alma and used in publishing.

The Alma Signal, Vol. 1, No. 1, Matt. Thomson, editor and publisher, being issued September 7th, 1889. Sold to Chester & Carroll, October 18th, 1901. Chester sold his interest to F. A. Seaman, February 16th, 1902.

The Progressive Patriot, published at Alma by Mrs. E. W. Crumb from September 20th to December 7, 1895.

Teacher, Patron and Pupil, published by Dow Busenbark as an educational journal from October, 1897, to April, 1901.

Truth, published at Alma by Rev. J. E. Kirkpatrick, from 1899 to 1901.

The Land Mark, E. H. Sanford, editor. First published at Eskridge, in 1871. It was published at intervals—first at Eskridge, then at Alma, and again at Eskridge until the publication was discontinued.

The Eskridge Star, Vol. 1, No. 1, J. J. Mitchell, editor, October 19, 1883; Mitchell & Dowd, January 31, 1884; Rickel & Dowd, March 27, 1884; D. V. Dowd, June 21, 1884; Dowd & Shelton, August, 1885; E. L. Shelton, October 22, 1885; Perry & Gardiner, July 1, 1886; E. H. Perry, June 7, 1888; Mitchell & Melrose, August 15, 1889; W. H. Melrose, February 13, 1890; J. J. Mitchell, January 12, 1899; Dow Busenbark, March 29, 1900, the present editor and publisher.

Wabaunsee County Democrat, Dr. Patte, editor, Eskridge, June 12, 1885. Published a few weeks and material sold to Perry & Gardiner.

Harveyville Herald, E. S. Vance, editor. First number June 11, 1886. Moved to Eskridge in October and name changed to Wabaunsee County Democrat. Sold to A. A. Graham November 12th, and to Perry & Gardiner, December 3, 1886.

Alta Vista Register, Vol. 1, No. 1, June 16, 1887, by S. A. Stauffer. Suspended March 27, 1889.

Alta Vista Bugle. First issue by George W. Foster, June 7, 1889. Sold to H. F. Frame July 12th and suspended January 3, 1890.

Alta Vista Record, Vol. 1, No. 1, by J. C. Padgett, April 17, 1890; S. M. Padgett, October 16th. Last issue, December 27, 1895.

Alta Vista Journal, Vol. 1, No. 1, by Fred D. James, June 9, 1899. Sold to B. F. Amsbury, August 4th, and to J. E. Reagan, August 11, 1899. Bought by J. A. Schilling, January 17, 1902.

Eskridge Tribune, Frank Hartman, August 23, 1900. October 10, 1901, F. A. Seaman buys half interest, and January 10, 1902, buys the other half interest. March 7, 1902, C. E. Carroll and F. A. Seaman, the present publishers.

Eskridge Sun, October, 1888, by A. A. Graham. Suspends after a few weeks.

PETER RIYNARD

Was born in France, April 30, 1830. Came to America with his parents when but eight years of age. On November 10, 1865, was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Zahner at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and two years later came to Wabaunsee county, locating near Eskridge. Three daughters and two sons came to the Riynard home: Mrs. Lena E. Dingman, Mrs. Emma E. Higby, Mrs. Alice L. Robertson, Mr. Albert H. and Mr. Jesse E. Riynard. During the civil war Mr. Riynard was a member of Co. D, 1st Oregon Cavalry. Died at Eskridge March 12, 1885. He was an industrious, hard working man and one of our most highly esteemed citizens.

G. G. HALL

Was born April 23, 1803, in Herkimer county, New York. In 1850 was united in marriage to Miss Helen A. Wadsworth, of Utica, New York. Came to Kansas in 1858, locating at Wabaunsee where he resided until 1873. He was once appointed and nine times elected to the office of probate judge. He was a popular official, but the statement is superfluous when his repeated reelection to one of the most important offices in the gift of the people is before us. By his upright conduct, strict integrity and sterling worth, Judge Hall secured for himself an exalted place in the esteem of the people.

AUGUST WOLGAST, SR.

Was born December 25, 1835, in Ardmandsbalde, Germany. He received a good educational training at Gerswalde, and came to America and to Kansas in 1860. He was married May 16 of the same year to Miss Dorothea Geinther, to which union eight children were born. Mr. Wolgast owns an excellent farm of 700 acres near Templin and is one of our most substantial and most highly esteemed citizens, with a family of estimable children, who are following in the footsteps of their worthy parents.

WILLIAM TREU

Was a Wabaunsee county boy, born on the farm, October 16, 1865. Received good educational advantages, but preferred life on the farm, where he remained until elected sheriff of Wabaunsee county in 1895. Was reelected two years later and at the close of his

second term again returned to the farm, but this time in Texas, in the Beaumont oil fields, but before Mr. Treu could reap the benefit of his lucky investment he died on June 8, 1900, aged 34 years, 7 months and 22 days. Before going to Texas he was married to Miss Kate Little, a son being born to this union. Deceased was a young man of sterling worth and by his gentlemanly deportment had secured for himself a warm place in the hearts of the people.

JOHN HESS

Was born July 7, 1825, in Altenrath, Prussia. He was educated at Frankfort-on-the-Main. Came to America in 1853 and to Kansas in 1857, locating at the mouth of Copp branch of Mill creek. On December 31, 1854, was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Schmitz, to which union six children were born, four of whom are living: Anna, Elenora, Otto and Henry. Mr. Hess died April 5, 1877. He was one of the leading citizens of his time and a man of much influence, always exerting his efforts for the general good. He was highly esteemed and his death universally regretted.

ABE WELFELT

This picture of an Alma boy of ye olden time is true to life. Abe is now in the Indian Territory and a trusted member of the Indian police. While the history was in preparation Abe came to Alma on a visit with friends of years ago and before he got away a snap shot paved the way for an item in this history that would be much more interesting had Abe left behind him the particulars of a few of the many incidents that would read like a romance if set before our readers in cold type. Abe is a good hearted boy that has seen more of the rough side of life than one in ten thousand and his many friends need have no fears as to his ability to hold his own in any little adventure that may chance to come his way.

W. S. WILLIAMS

This portrait recalls an amusing as well as a thrilling incident of which this old pioneer constable and deputy U. S. Marshal was a participant—in fact one of the principal actors—the other party was a wounded buffalo that Williams had shot. There was a scrimmage from which Williams emerged pretty much in the condition of our first parents before partaking of the forbidden apple. The buffalo's

horns were responsible for the lack of apparel but Williams took a philosophical view of the situation and attributed his ill luck to his refusing to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. His companions had remained at the camp, possibly not altogether oblivious of the fact that they were out of meat. At any rate, Peter Sharai was on the alert and but for a shot from his unerring rifle there would have been a funeral in camp instead of a feast. Even horse thieves had the greatest respect for Williams and never intentionally crossed his path. For the numerous accidents of this character Williams was alone responsible.

LOUIS HORNE

Was born August 16, 1870, at Jamestown, Wisconsin. Came to Alma with his parents when but twelve years of age. He was educated in the public schools and taught school one term. On May 6, 1896, was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Schutter, to which union one son, Leo, was born. Died August 20, 1901, at the age of 31 years. He was proprietor of the Hotel Alma and a director of the Alma National Bank. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Silbermann, and as a mark of respect all business houses in town were closed.

THE ALMA LIEDERKRANZ

Was organized October 1st, 1890. First officers: President, G. H. Meier; Vice Pres., Carl Lang; Secretary, C. Schubert; Treasurer, Otto Sawallisch. Fred Meyer was elected instructor in vocal culture. After a short stay at Philip Birk's, the Catholic school building was used, but the growth of the society demanding more room land was rented of Mr. Franz Schmidt, who, in recognition of his liberality, was made an honorary member of the society. A tract of land containing three and two-fifths acres was purchased in 1893 and a room 20x40 erected at a cost of \$400. Steps were taken to beautify the grounds, Mr. C. Schubert being intrusted with this duty. The grounds today are the best evidence that he has been faithful to his trust. In 1900 the building was again enlarged, rendered necessary by the constant increase in the growth of the society, the number having reached 125 and with many applications for membership on file.

STREET SCENE IN CHICKASHA.

Had our readers been in Chickasha at the opening of the Kiowa and Comanche lands in Oklahoma in August, 1900, they would have seen just what the artist caught with the camera—one of the stirring

scenes that for months was daily repeated. But this is but a prototype of similar scenes enacted on the streets of Leavenworth and Kansas City in 1856 to 1860, when homeseekers were looking for a haven of rest in sunny Kansas. In both instances the march of empire was wending its way westward. But the settler seeking a home in Oklahoma possessed advantages the Kansas pioneer never enjoyed—his home market and base of supplies were brought nearer by the railroad. But the conditions are undergoing a revolution and a few years hence there will be no western border—no vacant lands to offer the pioneer a home for the asking.

ALMA VOLUNTEER BAND.

Names of members from left to right. First tier: George Linss, August Bandel, John Degenhardt, Richard Thoes, William Speer, Theo. Geisler, Chas. Meyer, John Senge. Second tier: Clarence Eck, Ralph Sage, Louis Burt, S. E. Hull (Band Instructor), Charlie Thomson, Paul Geisler. Third tier: Charlie Palenske, Guy Cleaveland.

OUT FOR A ROUND UP.

We might say "swapping work"—a custom among cattlemen of assisting one another in rounding up and cutting out cattle suitable for the market or shipping. Named from left to right: Sell Fields, Fred Bates, Ed. Buckingham, John Berroth, Chet Davis, Al Davis, A. S. Allendorph and Tom Mankins. Though several ciphers would be required to indicate the property holdings of several of these parties, all are cowboys for the time being and either one can rope a steer with the ease of any expert on the range.

SCENE ON DAVIS BROS.' RANCH.

An every day occurrence on the range in the fall when the boys "out for a round up" have bunched the cattle preparatory to cutting out—the one task being but preliminary to the other. The round up means work. It means long rides over hill and dale and vigilant search through clumps of bushes and in cozy nooks for the widely scattered remnants of the herd. In pleasant weather it is agreeable employment, but when the threatening clouds lower and the vivid lightning plays on the tips of the long horns the thought that wells up is "the dearest spot on earth is home"—a thought that is usually dispelled by the first, bright rays of the summer's sunshine.

VISITORS AT THE RANCH.

A visit at the ranch from the ladies is to the cowboy like an oasis in the desert. Their coming means a break in the monotony of every day life on the range; it means an array of tempting viands at the noon hour to which the boys are hardly accustomed, to say nothing of the bright rays of sunshine for which old Sol is in nowise responsible.

Catholic Church and Altar, Newbury.

With the pews cost \$8410. Built in 1884, by Rev. Father Hundhausen. Two years later the parsonage was built at a cost of more than \$1500. Capacity of church, 350. Membership, 500—about seventy families. Prior to the building of the stone church, services were held in the little frame building nearby—built in 1874 by Rev. Father Vanderburg.

REV. WIENER'S CONFIRMATION CLASS.

The date should be 1900. Members of the class named from left to right are as follows: Theo. Muckenthaler, Engelber Richtstadter, Eddie Mock, Leo Schmidt, Jos. Werner, Jos. Rosenstengel, Paulina Hund, Maggie Zeller, Isidor Glotzbach, Katie Glotzbach, Clemens Marstall, Clara Schultz, Rosa Muckenthaler, August Storch, Aloys Frey, Geo. Noller, Mary Schott, Katie Eagan, Elizabeth Michaelis, Frankie Michaelis, Victor Muckenthaler. Ida Hund, Johnnie Knoeber, Joseph Higert, Margaretha Michaelis, Cecilia Meinhardt, Willie Schilling, Lizzie Hund, Clara Meinhardt—forming a class of most estimable young people, members of the best families of Newbury and vicinity. That their life work may be all the more commendable by reason of their early religious training all may rest assured.

The Newbury Philharmonic Band

Was organized October 1, 1883, by Rev. Hundhausen, with Ferdinand Hermann, of Alma, as musical instructor and Mr. Martin Muckenthaler, Jr., (now deceased), band leader. The band is the oldest in the county, and, although but three of the old organization are now members of the band it still ranks as one of the best. The members own a nice set of uniforms and a band wagon. The following are the names of the band, named from left to right: Standing—Leo Hund, Frank Muckenthaler, (dec'd.), Franz Breitenstein, Albert

Muckenthaler, J. P. Zellers, (with flag), Wm. Glotzbach, Joseph Glotzbach, Moritz Guth, Ferdinand Hermann, (Alma), Fred Zeferjahn, John Mock. Standing—Joseph Muckenthaler, James Mock, C. J. Glotzbach, Martin Muckenthaler, Jr., (Dec'd.), Val Mock, Leopold Muckenthaler, Wm. Mock.

ALMA VOLUNTEER BAND (STREET SCENE).

From left to right: Charlie Palenske, Theo. Geisler, Charlie Thomson, John Degenhardt, Sam Mongerson, James Thomson, Richard Thoes, Ralph Sage, August Bandel, George Linss, William Speer, Louis Burt, Hugo Brandt, Charlie Dilley, Dick Hull, John Senge, Paul Geisler, Clarence Eek and Guy Cleaveland.

THE BOUCHEY STACKER.

Our illustration shows Al Bouchev, the inventor, at work on an invention that is endorsed by the largest ranchmen in Kansas. Simplicity and durability are features that commend the stacker and with the low price at which the machine is offered ought to insure Mr. Bouchev a just recompense for time and labor expended in perfecting his invention. The testimonials are of the highest order and from men who write from an unbiased standpoint. Mr. Bouchev has already secured patents on two valuable inventions and has made application for another patent from which he expects to realize a handsome income. He secured his patents through C. A. Snow & Co., of Washington, D. C.

August Falk and Family.

From left to right: Henry, Mr. Falk, Paul, Elmer, Mrs. Laura Smith, Mrs. Falk, George and Rose.

Family of Mr. Joseph Glotzbach, Sr.

Joseph Glotzbach, Sr., and Margaret, his wife; Charles J. and Elizabeth, his wife, and children: Tony, Rose, George, Carl, Isador, Florian, Otto, Bernard and Martha; George Glotzbach and Elizabeth, his wife, and children: Joseph, Katie, John and Benno; Wm. Glotzbach and Theresa, his wife, and children: Richard, Vincent and Elanore; Joseph Glotzbach and Christina, his wife, and children: Victor, Lily, Esther, Irene and Alphon; Lewis Seeling and Kate Glotzbach Seeling, his wife, and children; Rose Muckenthaler, daughter of Frank Muckenthaler, (deceased); William, Lizzie, Theresa and Mary Seeling; Valentine, Rosa and Mary Glotzbach (the later deceased).

Four Generations.

Mr. A. G. Burgett, Mrs. W. S. McCauley, Mrs. H. B. Dallas and daughter.

Five Generations.

Mrs. C. Schwanke, Mrs. P. F. Johnson, Mrs. Henry Kriegenhardt, Mrs. Lena Deppish and daughter. All living and enjoying good health.

A Group of Good Fellows.

From left to right: George Eckles, C. E. Edlin, W. H. Sparling, W. T. Eckles, F. W. Edlin, R. L. Hershberger and Niles Mossman.

ESKRIDGE CORNET BAND.

From left to right: Back line—Geo. Eckles, Arthur Moore, Edgar Bowden, C. E. Edlin, F. W. Edlin, J. H. Lee, J. W. Barnett. Middle line—Jesse Reynard, Walter Warren, A. B. Hartman, J. T. Mills, C. M. Lowry, J. J. Mitchell, Jr., J. R. Hauschildt. Drummers—George D. West and J. W. Robertson.

WOODMAN TEAM, HARVEYVILLE.

From left to right: First tier—L. C. Lewis, S. G. Cantrill, William Boatwright, Harry King. Second tier—Everett Yoacum, O. B. Cantrill, Bert Grigsby. Third tier—Lee Heinlein and Dr. L. A. Walker.

CONRAD HESSE AND FAMILY.

From left to right: First tier—John, Nicholas, Bernard, Adam, Frank and Joseph. Second tier—Lawrence, Matilda, Mr. and Mrs. Hesse, Mary, Philip and Louisa.

LADY MACCABEES.

From left to right: First tier—Miss Carrie Meyer, Mrs. Alfred Umbehr, Miss Laura Thoës, Mrs. Tena Mongerson, Miss Rosa Eck. Second tier—Mrs. J. H. McMahan, Mrs. Matt. Thomson, Mrs. I. S. Hastings, Mrs. J. B. Gibson and Mrs. T. N. Watts.

OUR COUNTY AND SCHOOLS, 1886:

Engraved from a drawing by Matt Thomson. Shows sketch of every schoolhouse in the county at date of drawing, (1886). with possibly one or two exceptions, every building erected for school purposes since 1886 will be found in the list of illustrations. The size of the original drawing is 20x24.

TABLEAU—THE FAIRIES.

From left to right: Elsie Richter, Jeannette Watts, Eva Bernard, Marie Fields. Kneeling--Rosa Falk and Nannie Busenbark.

FAMILY OF MR. WILLIAM MAAS.

From left to right: First tier—Mrs. Dora Schaal, Fred, Adolf, Richard and Mary Schmitz. Second tier—Ida, Mr. Maas, Charlie, Willie, Mrs. Maas and Alice.

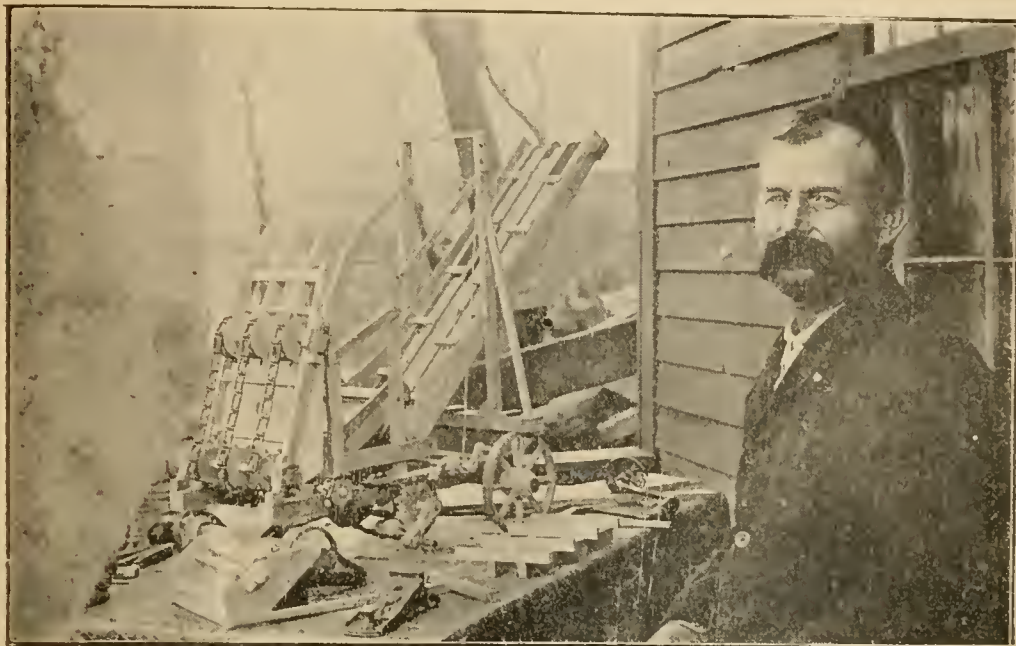
FAMILY OF MR. GUS THIERER.

From left to right: Frank, Mamie, George, John, Mr. Theirer, Lottie and Mrs. Theirer.

M. E. CHURCH, ALMA, 1880.

Built in 1878, when sidewalks were almost unknown in Alma. For years the church stood solitary and alone—no trees or buildings near. Rev. Geo. E. Nicholson was pastor when the church was built. Prior to that service had been held in the court house and school house by Revs. Kirkman, Lord, McNair, and B. Frank Smith. The money required to build the church was raised entirely by subscription. Mr. C. M. Rose had charge of the building, as foreman, while the work was being done. The parsonage was built for a residence by Mr. Ben Hoskinson, sheriff, in 1875, and bought by the church in 1877—before the church was built. After Mr. Nicholson came Revs. Parlette, Collins, Kendall, Murray, Browning, Smith, Meeks, Baker, Johnson, Nathan, Dennis, Young, Marsh, Elliott, Bernard, and the present minister, Rev. Gibson. The bell in the M. E. church was the first church bell in Alma. The first funeral in the church was that of Mrs. C. M. Rose, on January 30, 1879.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.

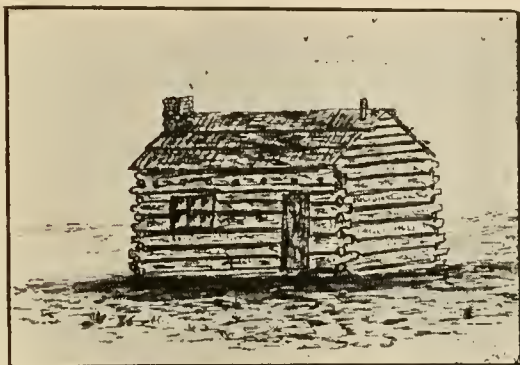


MR. AL BOUCHEY, THE INVENTOR, Maple Hill,
at work on his hay-stacker.



HOTEL WINDLER, Maple Hill.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



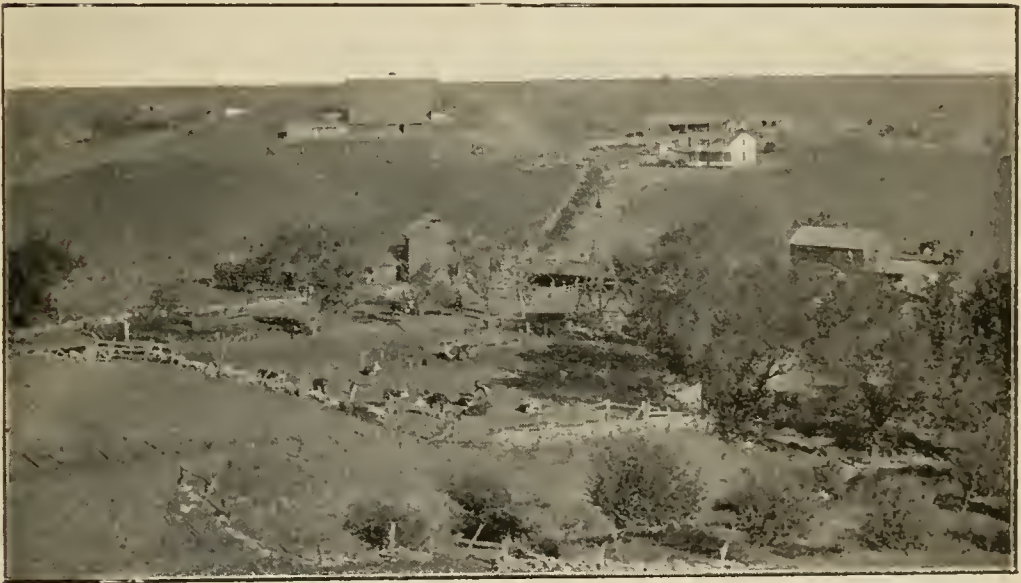
FIRST HOME OF MR. MICHAEL FIX, 1856.
Near Volland.



MR. CHARLES DAILEY'S EXPRESS LINE IN 1886.



HOME OF MR. ANDREW BELL, Kaw Township.



RANCH HOME OF MR. J. W. NAYLOR, near Alta Vista.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



MR. AUGUST ZECKSER'S RESIDENCE AND FARM BUILDINGS, near Alma



ST. MARY'S BRIDGE.



WAMEGO BRIDGE.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



OUT FOR A ROUND-UP.

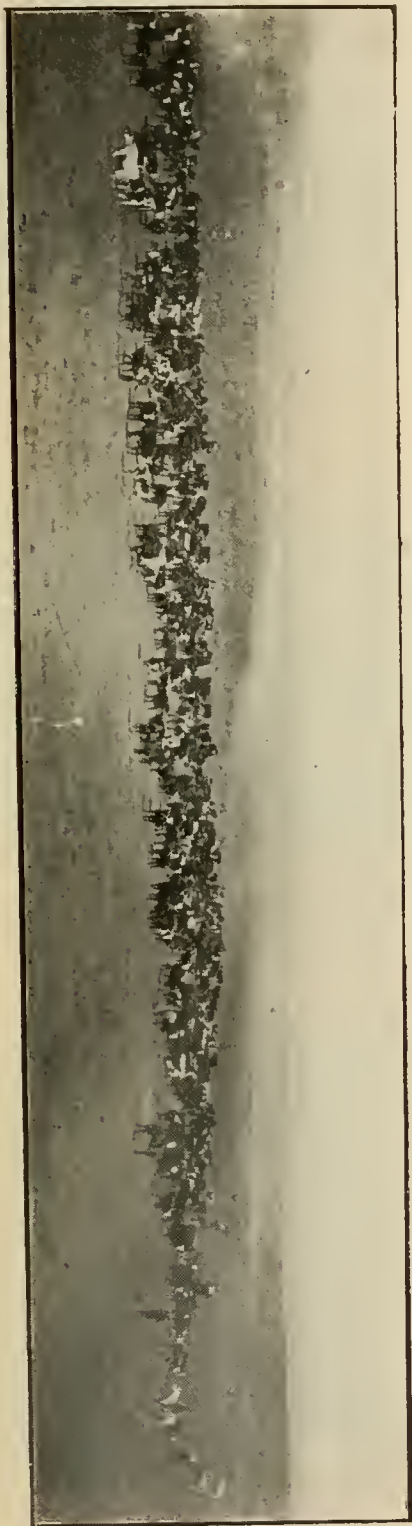


RESIDENCE OF MR. WILLIAM WAUGH, ESKRIDGE.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



VISITORS AT THE ALLENDORPH RANCH.



SCENE ON DAVIS BROS. RANCH, NEAR ALMA.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



HERD OF POLAND-CHINA SWINE.
Bred by Mr. Herman Arndt, Templin.



HERD OF DUROC-JERSEYS.
Bred by Mr. H. W. Steinmeyer, Volland.



RESIDENCE OF MR. CARL STEINMEYER, Illinois Creek.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



HERD OF HEREFORDS, FOWLER'S RANCH, Maple Hill.



RURAL SCENE ON THE FOWLER RANCH, Maple Hill.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



AN OLD-TIME FENCE.
When the only cow was picketed out.



THE SPIRIT OF '76,
Or escaped from the German army — by being born in the United States.

EARLY HISTORY OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KAN.



ALMA CEMETERY, 1901.



STREET SCENE AT CHICASHA, OPENING OF THE KIOWA LANDS.

G. A. R. Posts.

ED. LINES POST, ALMA.

W. CHILLSON, Commander.

E. A. KILIAN, Adjutant.

- E. A. Killian, Co. A, 1st, Reg. Mo. Light Artillery; P. O. Alma, Kan.
 Gunshot wound right forearm, Wilson Creek, Aug. 10, '61.
- James Carroll, Co. F, 147th Ohio, Inf., P. O., Alma, Kan.
 Injury, left ankle, Calesta, N. C.
- Joseph Fields, Co. D, 79th Ohio, Inf., P. O., Topeka Kan.
- Fred Crafts, 1st Lieut., 1st Indian Reg't, P. O., Alma, Kan.
- John T. Keagy, Co. D, 101 Penn, Inf.; P. O., Alma, Kan,
 Injury, left leg, Fair Oaks, Va., May 31, '62.
- M. W. Rock, 15th Kan. Cav.; P. O., Tecumseh, Ok
- S. H. Fairfield, Co. K, 11th Kan. Cav.; P. O., Alma, Kan.
- Edwin Herrick, Co. H, 14th Penn., Cav.; P. O., Seattle, Wash.
- Adolph Hnkammer, Co. B, 2nd Kan., Inf.; Co. K, 11th Kan. Cav., P. O., Alma, Kan.
 Lance thrust in back, North Platte bridge, July 20, '65.
- T. N. Watts, Co. E, 32nd Ill., Inf., P. O., Alma, Kan.
- A. W. Gregory, Co. L, 11th Kan. Cav., P. O., Alma, Kan.
- S T Wright, Co C, 13th N J Inf, Sergeant; Address unknown.
- Charles Hensel, Co F, 11th Mo Cav., Corporal, Colorado Springs, Col.
- Charles Fairfield, Co D, 38th N Y Inf, and Co K, 17th N Y Inf, Capt, address unknown
 Gunshot in right shoulder, Dec 21, '62.
- W T Mahan, Co E, 11th Kan, Cav, P O, St. Louis, Mo;
 Gunshot in head, Shelby Road, Dec '64.
- Charles Ross, Co F, 2nd Kan, Cav, Sergeant, P O, Santa Ana, Cal.
- W A Doolittle, Co K, 5th Iowa, Inf, P O Wesley, Iowa.
- W W Cone, Co E, 13th N Y, P O. Mo.
- Wm Bandel, Co F, 11th Kan, Cav, Bugler, P O, Alma, Kan.
- J R Fix, Co D, 20th Indiana Inf, P O, Volland, Kan.
- Robert Kath, Co H, 145th N Y, Inf, P O, unknown.
- Geo M Keene, Co L, 17th Mass, Inf, Corporal, P O, Hartford, Conn.
- L J McCrumb, Co F 83d Pa, Inf, and Co A. 14th Pa, Cav, Corporal,
 P O, McFarland, Kan.
- David Palmer, Co A, 6th Iowa, Inf, Sergeant, Address unknown.
- T S Spielman, Baltimore Battery and Mo Light Artillery, P O, Alma, Kan.
- Wm H Lyons, Co B, 11th N Y Inf, Corporal, P O, Alma, Kan.
- Geo D Ensign, Co K, 11th Kan, Cav, P O, Topeka, Kan.
- Hiram Keyes, Co K, 11th Kan, Cav, Address unknown.
- Thomas H Perkins, Co H, 78th Ill Inf, P O, Wamego, Kan.
- Orcilla M Yaw, Co G, 8th Iowa, Inf, address unknown.
- Marcellus Yaw, Co F, 32nd Iowa, Inf, and Co G, 8th Iowa Inf, address unknown.
- O M Rose, Co K, 19th Mich, Inf, Corporal, P O, Alma, Kan; Gunshot wound right
 leg and left hand, Thompson's Station, May 3 '63 and Dallas, Ga, May 25, '65.

A G Murray, Co G, 51st Ind, Inf, 1st Lieut; P O, Oklahoma City, Ok.
 W T DeArmond, Co A, 26th Ohio, Inf, Corporal, P O, Alma, Kan.
 Sylvester Illner, Co D, 15th W. Va., Inf, P O, Volland, Kan.
 E W Ames, Co C, 15th Ill, Inf, P O, Belvue, Kan.
 W H Morrison, Co E, 86th Ind, Inf, P O, Topeka, Kan.
 S B Madden, Co H, 80th Ohio, Inf, Paxico, Kan.
 J B Stephens, Co B, 7th Iowa, Inf, Sergeant.
 Samuel Sutton, Co C, 97th Ohio, Inf, and Co F, 97th Ohio.
 Jacob Wilt, 1st Ohio, Battery, P O, Paxico.
 D W Johnson, Co F, 85th Ind, Inf, Musician, P O, Alma.
 G P Tiffany, Co B, 52nd Pa. Inf, P O, Topeka, Kan.
 S V Fair, Co E, 30th Ind, Inf, P O Alma, Kan.
 A K Winkoop, P O, Topeka, Kan.
 Wm Feaghans, Co F, 188th Ohio, Inf, P O, Belknap, Ill.
 Daniel Stotler, Co E, 8, heavy artillery, P O, Alma, Kan.
 A A Grigsby, Topeka, Kan.
 John E Allen, Co I 124th U S C, Inf, Alma, Kan; Skull split open and crushed in by saber stroke. Bayonet thrust through body and musket ball through right leg etc, etc, etc.
 John Lucas, Alma, Kan.
 Lebanon Gardenhire, Co E, 9th U S C, Inf, and Co C, 3rd U S C, Inf, Alma, Kan.
 Frank Bevel, Alma, Kan.

ALTA VISTA POST, NO. 60.

M. W. CASE, Commander.

L. J. WOODARD, Adjutant.

L J Woodard	E	29th	Ohio		Alta Vista Kan
G W Kiger	D	27th	"		" "
W A Kiger	D	47th	Ill		Topeka "
B H Smith	B	7th	Mo	Cav	Beman "
J Cleaveland	C	59th	Ill		Mo
J W Spencer	B	16th	Ohio	Inf, A V	
Also	H	42nd	"	O V I	
Robert Oooper	F	63rd	"	Inf	Council Grove K.
Geo W Snodgrass	H	92nd	"	Inf	Alta Vista Kan
Warren Ford	H	88th	"	Inf	Mo
Augustus L Orton	O	47th	Ill		Kan
David Widner	I	47th	Ind	Ind re-enlisted, died	
Geo W Wilson	K	13th	Iowa		Council Grove Ks
John A Morrett	B	40th	Ind		Alta Vista Kan
Perclval Hawes	B	12th	O	and K 23d O	" "
Wm T Tolbert	B	60th U S C		Inf	Oklahoma
Jas A Fisher	H	108th	Ill		Alta Vista Kan
T J Wilson	F	126th	N Y	Cav	
Also Lieut	A	10th U S O			Mo

HARVEYVILLE POST.

M P Early	O	181st	Ohio	Inf	Harveyville, Kan.
Levi Stanley, serg.	O	14th	Kan	Cav	" "
R D Lewis	F	60th	Ohio	Inf	" "
Geo L Horton, corp A		83rd	Ind	Inf	" "
Asa Carter	O	193rd	Ohio	Inf	" "
Edwin Symes	K	76th	Ill	Inf	" "
W C Holliday, lieut O		116th	Ind	Inf	" "
Carey Walton	I	2nd	Kan	Inf	" "
A M Harvey	I	1st	Kan	Inf	" "
Alf Holmes	B	79th	Ohio Vol	Inf	" "
Stephen J Spear	E	8th	Kan	Inf	" "
J W Turner					" "

J H Zabrlske	G	47th	Ill	Inf	"	"
E Parnell, corp'l	A	72nd	Ill	Inf	"	"
W E Richey, serg't	A	15th	Ohio	Inf	"	"
Hiram McPherson	D	79th	Ohio	Inf	"	"
Wm M Myers, serg't	A	80th	Ohio	Inf	"	"
Wm Anderson	D	137th	Ind	Inf	"	"
J J Slsson	D	13th	Iowa	Inf	"	"
E H McMullen	F	1st	Wis	Cav	"	"

WM. McKINLEY POST, NO. 133, WABAUNSEE.

M. McKELVEY, Commander.

H. A. PERRY, Adjutant.

M McKelvey	G	15th	N Y	heavy Art	Wabaunsee Kan.	
A W Talcott		10th	Ill	Cav	"	"
A A Cottrell		10th	Ill	Cav	"	"
M C Fairbanks	G	9th	Kan	Cav	"	"
Mark Shocknessy	I	28th	Iowa	Inf	"	"
Geo Kramer	K	11th	Kan	Cav	"	"
J O Chapman			N Y	Inf	"	"
A Doremus		23rd	Ind		"	"
E T Kincaid	D	1st	Kan	Cav	"	"
Wm Osmer	F	2nd	Kan	Cav	"	"
L Newell	A	2nd	Kan	Cav	"	"
T A St John	G	11th	Kan	Cav	"	"
Vint Russell						
R T Perry	A	1st	Tenn	Inf	"	"
John Zerbe		12th	N Y	Art	"	"
J B Day	A	25th	Ohio	Inf	"	"
Gorden Byers	B	6th	W Va	Inf	"	"
J W Dorman			Ohio	Inf	"	"
H A Perry	E	11th	Kan	Cav	"	"
John Smith	L	11th	Kan	Cav	"	"

G. A. R. POST, NO. 348, ROCK CREEK.

FRANK LUDLOW, Commander.

I. SINGER, Adjutant.

Frank Ludlow	A	2nd	Ohio	Inf	Chalk.	"
H O Sprague,	G	7th	Mo	Cav	"	"
I Singer, adj.						
Samuel Shlre	I	54th	Ill	Inf	"	"
Allen Nixon		2nd	Wis		"	"
Joseph Cooper		20th	Iowa		"	"
John Smith					"	"
James Fomes		112th	Ill		"	"
Wm A Gray		11th	Pa		"	"
O G Reynolds		5th	Pa		"	"
W W Dow					"	"

REV. SCHMID'S CONFIRMATION CLASS.

From left to right: Amelia Heder, Henry Redemske, Lizzie Maike, Henry Grunewald, Freda Stuewe, (Rev. Schmid), Emma Brasche, Robert Weber, Carrie Schmanke and Emma Schmanke.

FRED ZEFERJAHN

Was born at Kreis, Templin, Germany. Came to America direct to Kansas in 1871. In 1885 was united in marriage to Miss Pauline Gehrt, to which union twelve children were born—nine of whom are living: August, Louisa, Herman, William, Fred and Pauline, (twins), Ferdinand, Adolph and Walter. Owns a fine farm of over 700 acres of good land. Raises cattle, hogs, grain, etc. Is a successful farmer and one of our substantial citizens.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ALMA,

Was chartered October 2, 1880. Foundation for a stone building completed November 3rd. The church, (a frame building), was dedicated August 28, 1881. Cost, \$2700. Rev. D. B. Scott was the first pastor, entering upon his duties in May, 1870—more than ten years prior to the building of the church. Pastors following in their order were: Revs. R. M. Tunnell, Morris Officer, Harvey Jones, Hiram Myers, J. R. Pryor, John Scott, who built the church and was four years pastor, C. S. Marvin, W. C. Wheeler, D. R. Steiner, Geo. Kettering, J. E. Kirkpatrick and C. W. Turrell, the present pastor.

RURAL MAIL ROUTES

Have been established as follows: Route No. 1, Maple Hill, established April 1, 1901, Wm. Boyles, carrier; Route No. 1, Eskridge, established April 15, 1901, E. S. Graves, carrier; Route No. 2, Eskridge, established April 15, 1901, W. C. Cook, carrier; Route No. 3, Eskridge, established April 15, 1901, W. H. Moore, carrier; Route No. 1, Paxico, established April 15, 1901, Charlie Hund, carrier.

THE FIRST LOG HOUSE. Page 141.

Was doubtless built by the McDaniel gang. They carried water from the same spring used by George Harvey. This path to the spring and to the top of Hodgson's hill was plainly visible for years after the first settlers came. The gold was dug up about ten years ago instead of five. Mr. Asa Gookins kept the hotel at Harveyville at the time.

CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALMA,

Was built in 1875. Prior to that time services were held at the homes of the members, the Jesuit fathers of St. Marys attending to the spiritual wants of the people. Father Hundhausen was the first regular priest, his regular pastorate beginning in 1880 and continuing till 1891. Then came Father Hohe, who remained one year. Father Bollwig remained two years and six months, Father Cihal filling out the unexpired year. Rev. Father Kamp came March 30, 1896, and has since continued to minister to the spiritual needs of his people. The first church was built in 1875 and was destroyed by fire February 6, 1899. The corner stone of the new church was laid August 17, the bell was blessed November 6, and the new church dedicated December 19, 1899. Right Rev. Bishop Fink, of the diocese of Leavenworth, being present and conducting the impressive ceremonies. The parsonage was built in 1881. The altar in the new church and the interior decorations are the handsomest in the county. See section 8 for portraits and illustrations.

DARLING'S FERRY

Was a busy place in the fifties. It was opposite Uniontown and provided the only means of crossing the Kaw river, except at low stages of water, when the boat wasn't needed. Among those who assisted in running the ferry in 1854-5 was J. P. Gleich, who, in the latter year, took a claim on Mill creek just north of Joseph 'Thoes'. Darling had a monopoly of the ferry business for many years, but with immigration came the demand for a ferry at the big bend and Darling left for the Indian Territory where he went into the hotel business at Shawnee.

WABAUNSEE COUNTY IN 1901

Contained 1786 farms; acres fenced, 380,994; not fenced, 6,034; acres in Corn, 95,209; Wheat, 6,444; Oats, 3,148; Irish Potatoes, 1,145; Sweet Potatoes, 607; Flax, 746; Buckwheat, 257; Sorghum, for syrup, 225; Sorghum, for forage, 3,495; Kaffir Corn, 11,883; Alfalfa, 8,978; Clover, 990; Blue Grass, 389; Timothy, 266; Prairie Pasture, 144,404 acres; Pounds of butter made by families, 352,355; In factory, 5,243; Number of horses, 9,169; Mules, 700; Cows, 10,701; Other cattle, 42,350; Swine, 33,713; Value of animals sold for slaughter in 1901, \$2,298,047; Number of apple trees in bearing, 115,021; Peach trees, 33,553.

In one respect, at least, the farming classes of our county in the early days differed from those of the present—in that no farm machinery was left from one season to another in the fence corners where last used. The reasons are obvious: there were few fence corners and less machinery. What little of the latter the farmers possessed was well taken care of.

LUTHERAN CHURCH, ALMA,

Was built in 1878, the Lutheran school house in 1890 and the new parsonage in 1901. For twenty years Rev. H. C. Senne was the resident minister. He was followed by Rev. F. W. Pennekamp, and he by Rev. A. Schmid, the present pastor. For a number of years Mr. J. P. Emrich taught school in the frame building. Mr. Henry Albrecht taught several years, followed by Prof. J. H. Meyer, the present teacher of the Lutheran school. See illustration, section 9, leaflet 6.

EXPENDITURES FOR 1901.

County Commissioners, \$560; Bridges, \$2,222.84; County Officers, \$5,907.57; District Court, \$611.90; Probate Court, \$241; Sheriff and Balliffs, \$78.97; Jails and Prisons, \$271.85; Coroners and Inquest, \$72.55; Justices and Constables, \$241.90; Poor Farm, \$1,021.71; Outside of Poor Farm, \$2,242.75; Fuels, Light, Repairs, Janitor and Watchman, \$648.85; Assessors, \$1,824; Books and Stationery, \$919.86; Printing, \$655.30; Insane, \$242; Elections, \$584.92; Bounty on Animals, \$153; Road Purposes, \$4,199.55; Miscellaneous, \$1,208.93. Total, \$23,909.65. Population of County (1901), 12,405; Acres in Poor Farm, 320.

In statement of expenditures for 1860 (page 9), no better idea of the prosperity of the county could be given. Hundreds of bridges span the streams throughout the county, and every farm is in a high state of cultivation.

School statistics: Number of School Districts, 88; Teachers required, 101; Different teachers employed: Males, 49, Females, 58, Total, 107; Average wages: Male teachers, \$43; Female teachers, \$39.42; Average weeks school term, 29; Number of school buildings, 92; Rooms, 103; Number persons of school age, (5 to 21 years), 4,591; Pupils enrolled, 3,329; Average attendance, 2,139.

ERRATA.

M. E. church, Harveyville, Sec. 5 L 6, should read M. E. church, Bradford.

Mr. Martin Muckenthaler came to Kansas in '69, instead of '59, as stated in his biography.

The smallpox in 1871 should read in 1872.

JEWELS OF THE HOUSEHOLD.

(1), Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Taylor, Eskridge; (2), Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Alma; (3), Clayton, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Trivett, Eskridge; (4), Clyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Campbell, Eskridge; (5), Bessie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Copp, Paxico; (6), Agnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Palenske, Mountain Home, Arkansas; (7), Milford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brady, Paxico; (8), Leo, son of Mrs. Theresa Horne, Alma; (9), Forest and Raymond, two young blacksmiths, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker, Eskridge; (10), Johnnie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt. Thomson, Henderson, Arkansas; (11), Helen, daughter of Dr. T. N. Watts, Alma; (12), Hal, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Weaver, Alma; (13), Hazel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Roush, Alma; (14), Charlie and Florence, son and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Webb, Paxico; (15), Ross and Beryl, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dow Busenbark, Eskridge; (16), Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simon, Jr., Alma; (17), Celina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidt, Alma; (18), Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barnes, Alma; (19), Agnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Kinne, Alma; (20), Emily and Albert, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson, Alma; (21), Gladys, daughter of Mrs. Nellie Dilley, Paxico; (22), LeMyra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Seaman, Alma; (23), Clarence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Meyer, Alma; (24), Addie and Theresa, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frey, Alma; (25), Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Winkler, McFarland; (26), Laurine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schroeder, Alma; (27), Leo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Treu, Halifax; (28), Augusta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Utermann, Alma.

One of the objects of this history is to acquaint the people of to-day with the conditions that were the rule in the past; of the time when a drouth in Kansas meant scanty raiment and a slender diet; of the days when bedsteads were double deckers and when curtains served as partition walls to separate the two or more families compelled to occupy the one room or sleep out of doors with the broad canopy of Heaven for a covering; of the seemingly endless days of weary watching and waiting by the bedside of a fever stricken father or mother, brother or sister, hoping against hope, until the spirit had flown to God, who gave it—to that home where pain and sickness are unknown and where Death shall never come.

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